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Box 2

August 20, 1931 To December 9, 1931

Copies of Letters sent to the Director from
the Superintendent of the Denver Mint.

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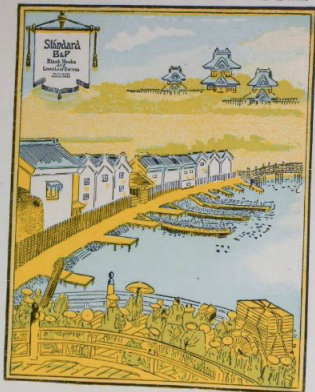
FROM

AUGUST 20, 1931

TO

DECEMBER 9, 1931

"TOKIO,"
LETTER COPYING BOOK.



CONTAINING A FINE JAPANESE HAND MADE PAPER.
EXTRA STRONG PERFECT COPIER.
CARRIED IN STOCK IN VARIOUS BINDINGS
AND THICKNESSES.

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August 26, 1931

Mr. Camille W. Tuill,
Deadwood, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

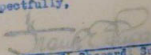
In reply to your letter of August 16th with request for amount of gold bullion deposits received by the United States Mint at Denver from the Black Hills region, exclusive of the Homestake Mining Company, since the first of January, 1931, I am pleased to submit the following report:

	<u>Ounces</u>	<u>Value</u>
January	12.092	\$ 249.97
June	9.774	202.05
July	3.041	62.86
August	8.519	171.96
	<u>33.226</u>	<u>686.84</u>

Trusting this gives you the desired information,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

FES:T

August 20, 1931

Mr. S. Stevenson,
Manager Sales & Production,
Jaccard Jewelry Company,
1017 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the
18th instant and also of the gold filings under separate
cover.

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter in
which you state "Whatever other metal may be in the filings
may be sent us in the form of a check", please be advised
that the Mint does not make any allowance for metals other
than gold and silver. I am therefore holding your deposit
without treatment and have to request that you will inform
me promptly if you are willing to waive payment for the "other
metal" content if such there should be in your consignment.

Regretting the delay in treating this deposit,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

XCF:T

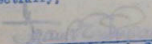
August 20, 1931

Bartley Crucible & Refractories Company,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant in reference to the two No. 100 crucibles forwarded to us in March, last. In reply please be advised that at the time these crucibles were received, we were beginning our annual clean-up and we were unable to put them under test at that time. It will probably be two months before these tests are completed and we will report to you promptly the result of such tests as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

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AUGUST 20, 1931

J C POTTER
724 VALLEY FORGE STREET
WEST PALM BEACH FLORIDA

ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM THIS DATE MR BARON HAS NOT CALLED
CANNOT WIRE PAYMENT BUT CHECK MAILED TODAY TO YOU AT ABOVE ADDRESS.

Superintendent Mint

Collect at West Palm Beach.

August 20, 1931

Mrs. Arthur Jackson,
Winemucca, Arizona.
(Second St)
Dear Madam:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant and the mining gold mentioned therein. As the weight of this material on receipt is but 3.26 troy ounces instead of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces as stated in your letter, I am holding your consignment without treatment, and have to request that you will inform me promptly if our weight is satisfactory to you.

Please note that your letter gives your address simply as Second Street - no number being given.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 20, 1931

First Saving Bank & Trust Company,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

I have returned this day by registered mail the nuggets forwarded by you weighing 1.24 troy ounces and am enclosing herewith six cents in postage in excess of the 25¢ in stamps transmitted by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 20, 1931

Mr. Ben S. Crow,
205 West 10th Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant and to the gold mentioned therein, it is noted that you state one of the nuggets is silver and platinum.

As the Mint does not pay for platinum contained in deposits nor undertake to separate it, I am holding your consignment without treatment and have to request that you will inform me promptly if you are willing to waive payment for the platinum in this particular nugget. If not, it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and registry fee. The other nuggets can be accepted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 21, 1931

Mr. Richard Hospes,
2345 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your consignment of the 19th instant which you say weighs about 207 ounces. This consignment upon receipt weighs 194.55 troy ounces. As this difference is considerable, I am holding your material without treatment and will ask you to kindly inform me if our weight is satisfactory to you. Please advise promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 21, 1931

Mr. James Rhodes,
Doport, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I have to advise you that the Mint does not make commercial assays and the statement in my letter to you of the 14th instant that your material seemed to be principally iron and that it did not seem to contain any silver or other precious metals, was made after an examination by parties familiar with handling such material and was not intended to be an assay report.

If you wish an assay of your material, you can have it made at the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a cost of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

Please forward the necessary postage if you wish your sample returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:2

August 21, 1931

Mr. E. W. Pierce,
611 Barnett Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.
KANSAS

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant stating that you were sending five gold spoons marked "Pure Gold", please be advised that the spoons received are marked "Pure Coin" and are silver.

The weight of these spoons is 2.45 troy ounces and are not of sufficient value for the Mint to accept as the minimum accepted for purchase is \$100.

Your spoons will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and registry fee.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECP:T

August 22, 1931

Mr. C. V. Wade,
Hillside, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instast
please be advised that the Mint cannot give out information relative to the receipt of deposits except with the consent of the depositor. If you will furnish us letters from the parties who may have made deposits at this institution from the Crosby Mine, Hillside, Arizona, since April 15, last, authorizing us to give the information desired, we can supply it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 22, 1931

Mr. H. E. Savage,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note on my letter to you of the 14th instant, I have this day delivered to Mrs. J. J. Girardet the package of amalgam sent here by you which we were unable to handle.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:2

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August 22, 1921

Mr. Louis Myers,
Carlin, B.C., Canada.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not make commercial
assays but you can have them made for you at one of the
United States Assay Offices named on the last page of the
enclosed circular at the prices listed therein.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:M

Enclosure

August 22, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your two consignments of the 19th instant, please be advised that after being melted their value has been found to be less than \$100. A melting charge of \$1.00 has been imposed on this bar.

If you wish to reenter your bar as a new deposit, it will require the addition of approximately \$20 in gold to make the value well above \$100. The melting charge, however, must be paid before any further action can be taken. Your prompt attention is requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 24, 1931.

The Groos National Bank,
San Antonio, Texas.

Attention of
Mr. Franz C. Groos,
President.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to advise you that my letter of the 17th was based on the weight and fineness of new coins of the old issue of the Mexican peso.

We do not have any information relative to the weight and fineness of the new issue of the Mexican peso to which you refer.

Regretting my inability to give you the desired information,

I am,

Respectfully,

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~~Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent~~

August 25, 1931

Mr. D. C. Capps,
Livingston, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note on my letter of the 18th instant, I have this day forwarded to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, the samples which you sent to this institution ~~on the 18th instant~~.

Enclosed find one-cent stamp excess postage received from you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent
Bureau.

SCF:T
Enclosure

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August 25, 1931

Salmon River Stores Company,
Whitebird, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 19th instant,
I have this day returned to you by registered mail the small
amount of amalgam sent here on the 13th instant which we
were unable to handle, having used the 32¢ in postage en-
closed with your letter as follows:

Postage	12¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamp returned	5¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T
Enclosure

August 25, 1931

Mr. Dave Straemick,
7 West Main Street,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your consignment of the 20th instant which weighs upon receipt 4.17 troy ounces. As the minimum value which we can accept for deposit is \$100.00, we cannot handle your material.

If you can forward at least five ounces of similar material, the two lots can be combined in one deposit. If you cannot send this within a short time, your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance fee, or by express, charges collect, as you may direct. Your prompt attention is requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EOP:T

August 25, 1931

Mr. J. E. Caldwell,
Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd instant and of the box of rocks mentioned therein. In reply please be advised that the Mint does not make commercial assays but you can have such work done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the prices stated on the last page of the enclosed schedule of Mint charges.

If you wish your rocks returned to you, please forward the necessary postage and insurance fee.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Searles, Superintendent.

ECF:T

Enclosure

August 25, 1931

Mr. D. E. Lipsky,
910 Wyandotte Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your consignment of the 22nd instant which you state weighs 277 pennyweights or 13.85 troy ounces. Upon receipt your material weighs 13.40 troy ounces. The package was intact on receipt but as this difference is considerable, I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you inform me promptly if our weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,
[Signature]

Frank E. [Name], Superintendent

ENC:2

August 25, 1931

Joeten Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

In your letter of the 12th instant you state that you are sending 10 ounces of silver to be added to your consignment of the 6th instant which contained over 800 parts of base metal and therefore had to be rejected. The check for \$1.00 to cover our melting charge on this consignment was received with your letter but up to this time the 10 ounces of silver have not been received.

On the 14th instant we wrote you calling attention to the fact that your consignment No. 265 of July 25th required 20 ounces of silver in order that its base metal content might be reduced below 800 parts and you were requested to forward \$1.00 to pay our melting charge on this rejected bar. We are in receipt of the 20 ounces of silver but the \$1.00 has not been received.

Please give these matters your prompt attention by forwarding the 10 ounces of silver as requested in my letter of the 10th instant and also the \$1.00 requested in my letter of the 14th instant.

On receipt of the above, your two consignments will have our prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 25, 1931

Mr. Leroy Vorhies,
Granite, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th instant and the consignment mentioned therein by parcel post.

I am unable to comply with your request to issue two checks in payment for this deposit as only one check can be issued and that in the name of the depositor unless he authorizes us to make payment to another party for his account.

I am holding your consignment without treatment and have to request that you ~~inform~~ promptly how you wish payment made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:1

August 26, 1931

Mr. Kenneth E. Banks,
Hermosa, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise you that the Mint does not make commercial assays but such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following prices:

Gold	\$ 1.00
Silver	1.00
Lead	1.00
Zinc	2.00
Copper	2.00

Money order for the proper amount should accompany your samples.

If you wish the return of the rocks you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ROP:T

August 26, 1931

Mrs. Ida C. Reid,
Salem, Missouri. Rt. 5, #32

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant,
please be advised that the Mint will redeem your mutil-
ated \$2.50 gold piece at its bullion value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

Stamp & envelope returned

August 26, 1931

Dr. A. D. Coen,
Ada, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not do commercial
assaying but work of this kind can be done for you by
the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah,
at the following charges:

Gold	\$ 1.00
Silver	1.00
Lead	1.50
Zinc	2.00
Copper	2.00

Money order for the proper amount should accompany your
sample. One pound of your material will be ample for
making the determinations you desire.

Respectfully,

Frank R. Shepard, Superintendent

ECT:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 26, 1931

Mr. Axel O. Oleson,
Baker, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment of placer gold which weighs upon receipt 2.04 troy ounces, I have to state that it is very dirty and the gold content will not nearly approximate two ounces. I have therefore to request that you send such additional material as you may have to be combined with it. Your prompt attention is requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENCLOSURE

August 26, 1931

Hall's Pawn Shop,
605 Central Street,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

Your consignment of the 22nd instant by express has been received but as yet I have not received a letter of advice concerning same. As such letter is necessary before we can enter this consignment on our books and proceed to treat it, I will thank you to advise me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 27, 1931

Mr. H. J. Pell,
Brady, Nebraska. R.F.D. #1.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, stating that you are forwarding four samples to have tested, and in reply I have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to do commercial assaying. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges:

Gold	\$1.00
Silver	1.00
Lead	1.50
Zinc	2.00
Copper	2.00

Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:2

August 27, 1931

Mr. Harry Bothwell,
Rochford, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have received a package by express with your name on the wrapper but have not yet received a letter of advice concerning it. As such letter is necessary before consignments can be entered on our books and paid for, I have to request that you will send me one at your earliest convenience, stating the source from which the bullion was produced, and if it is new material, give the name of the mine and your connection with it.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EOF:T

Enclosure

August 27, 1931

Mr. George C. Goldsborough,
Whitewater, Colorado. **RED #1.**

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th instant and in reply have to state that the Mint does not make commercial assays but you can have such work done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a cost of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver. Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:2

Stamped envelope returned

August 27, 1931

Mr. W. H. Gray,
Ashland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant I have to advise that the Mint will purchase your solid gold and silver scrap when presented in lots of not less than \$100.

The gold is paid for at the rate of \$60.67 per fine ounce and the silver at the market price, less the fraction, on the day previous to the receipt of the deposit.

Shipment may be made by prepaid express or by insured parcel post, as best suits your convenience.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:E

Enclosure

August 27, 1931

Mr. LeRoy Verhies,
Granite, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant requesting that payment be made to the First National Bank of Salida, Colorado, for your recent consignment, I have to state that if you will refer to my letter of the 25th instant you will note that it was stated that check must be issued "in the name of the depositor unless he authorizes us to make payment to another party for his account."

If you wish payment made to the First National Bank of Salida, Colorado, for your account, it will be necessary for you to so state in your letter or advice as follows: "Please pay to the First National Bank of Salida, Colorado, for my account " etc. Upon receipt of these instructions your consignment will have our prompt attention.

It will be necessary for you to notify the bank as to the division of the proceeds of the check.

Respectfully,


W. W. Shepard, Superintendent

August 27, 1921

Mr. S. Rosenstein,
1912 - 15th Avenue, North,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I have to state that gold filled and plated goods as such cannot be accepted for deposit by the Mint. Such material, as you know, contains very little gold and we cannot handle anything that contains over 900 parts of base metal out of a possible 1000.

The minimum value that can be accepted for deposit is \$100.00. Should your gold filled goods contain \$100 in gold they might be accepted if you add one-fourth of their gross weight in sterling silver.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information relative to the receipt of deposits by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

RF7:T
Enclosure

August 28, 1931

Mr. D. E. Lipsky,
910 Wyandotte Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th instant in answer to mine of the 25th in reference to your consignment of the 22nd.

Your state "I made 277 dwts while your scales are only showing 240 dwts." Please refer to my letter of the 25th in which it was stated that your material weighs 13.40 troy ounces, which is equal to 268 dwts, instead of 240 dwts. stated by you, a difference of only 2 dwts. less than your weight.

I will proceed to treat your material and check will go forward in a few days but I thought it only right that I should call your attention to the error in your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

WCF:2

August 28, 1931

Mrs. A. S. Caldwell,
615 San Juan Street,
Trinidad, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I have to advise that if your solid gold rings have a value of over \$1000, the Mint can purchase them. It will require from 8 to 10 troy ounces of nearly solid gold jewelry to make this required value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 28, 1931

Boston Novelty Shop,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your telegram of this date in reference to your consignment of the 14th instant, I have to enclose a copy of my letter to you of the 16th instant regarding this shipment, a reply to which has not yet been received.

Before we can proceed further with your material, it will be necessary for you to send the additional quantity asked for and also the \$1.00 melting charge imposed.

If you cannot send this additional material, your bar will be returned to you at your expense upon payment of the \$1.00 above referred to. Your prompt attention is requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EEF:T
Enclosure

August 28, 1921

Mr. E. L. Kennedy,
Therma, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th instant asking for instructions regarding shipment of gold to the Mint.

It is assumed that you will ship mining gold and if so, we can accept it in lots of not less than 2 troy ounces during this year. Shipment may be made by prepaid express or by insured parcel post as best suits your convenience. A letter of advice should be sent with each consignment and this should state the name and location of the mine or claim and your connection therewith.

But one check can be issued in payment of a deposit and that must be in the name of the depositor, unless he authorizes us to make payment to another (as a bank) for his account.

I am enclosing some copies of our Form 104b and one should be properly filled out and sent with each shipment. I am also enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Any shipments you may make to this Mint will have our prompt and careful attention.

August 28, 1931

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of advice of the 26th instant covering your lot No. 233 shipped by express. Your letter states that this shipment consists of 4,300 Mexican pesos and on our form No. 104b the value of \$2,150 is given. The shipping tag attached to the bag gives the value as \$2,100, and the pieces count 4,300 pesos. I will state that upon receipt the bag and seals were in perfect conditions.

In view of this discrepancy, I am holding your consignment without treatment until you can inform me as to the correct amount included in this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ECF:T

August 29, 1931

State Savings Loan & Trust Company,
Attention: Mr. Robert R. Hunting,
Quincy, Illinois.

Thos. Sinnock Estate

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, I have to advise you that the Mint will purchase your gold dust provided it weighs at least two troy ounces.

You state that this material has been appraised at \$41, and in this connection please note that the Mint pays \$20.67 per fine ounce (pure gold) contained in deposits and that the fine gold content is determined by Mint assay.

In making shipment, all transportation charges must be prepaid and in your letter of advice please give us what information you can relative to the source from which this gold was produced. Should you send your material here, it will have our prompt and careful attention.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

August 29, 1931

Mr. Dave Strassick,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 27th instant, I have this day returned to you by express, charges collect, the small amount of gold scrap forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 31, 1931

Mr. E. E. Denniston,
General Delivery
Seminole, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 28th instant, I have to advise that the Government does not claim a part of any deposits received at the Mint, only imposes such charges as are required for treatment, and further requires that the depositor state that he is in legal possession of such deposit.

I am unable to give you further information as to what the different states may require in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

August 31, 1931

Mr. Carl Wilson,
Stark, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package by insured mail bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received a letter of advice from you concerning same. As such a letter is necessary before deposits can be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

August 31, 1931

Mr. A. Cowans,
Box 135,
Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package by insured mail bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning same. As much a letter is necessary before consignments can be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

August 31, 1931

Edwards-Dodwig-Fuller Jewelry Company,
1113-15 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 29th instant,
I am enclosing a circular giving full information relative
to the receipt of deposits at this institution from which you
will note that consignments must have a minimum value of
\$100.00 and contain at least 200 assay parts out of a possi-
ble 1000 in the precious metals - no allowance being made for
platinum. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter
of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

August 31, 1931

Mr. P. E. Barley,
Bear Creek, Luzerne County,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of recent date, please be advised that the so-called Lincoln pennies have been manufactured at this institution during the following years:

1911 to 1920, inclusive,
1922 and 1923 to 1923, inclusive,

all of which bear the Mint mark "L". One cent bronze pieces bearing date 1922 were coined only at this institution, none of which are now available.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GE:7

Two-cent stamp returned

August 31, 1931

Mr. Ralph Campbell,
Poteau, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your recent consignment consisting of filled ware weighing 18.61 troy ounces and gold weighing 10.55 troy ounces or a total of 29.16 troy ounces.

In view of the fact that filled ware contains very little gold, I would suggest that you send approximately 4 ounces of high-grade silver to add to your consignment in order that it will meet our requirement that all deposits must have at least 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

It is also necessary that deposits have a minimum value of \$100.00 and if you have any doubt as to your material containing that value, I have to request that you will also send such gold as you think may be necessary to make up the deficiency.

I am holding your consignment without treatment until I hear further from you regarding your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM A. SHARP, Superintendent

CH:7

August 21, 1931

Miss Mary L. Wilson,
505 East Second Street,
Cheper, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 20th instant, I have
to state that the Indian head on the one-cent bronze piece
is intended to typify simply the American Indian and has no
reference to any particular individual.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1921

Mr. William J. Starley,
Delta, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your two bottles containing amalgam and gold grains which you state weigh 6 ounces and have to advise that upon receipt here the total weight of your consignment, including the bottles is 4.38 troy ounces. One bottle contained more or less water.

Owing to the discrepancy in the weight stated by you and that found by the Mint, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight received here is satisfactory to you when I will proceed to treat your gold.

If you have any additional grains which you could forward to add to these two lots, I should be glad to have you do so as 2 ounces of gold is the minimum received and after the mercury has been removed from your amalgam, I expect the gold content of your consignment will closely approximate two ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

August 31, 1931

Mountain State Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two cash remittances amounting to 28¢ and 65¢, covering commission on collections from telephone booths No-9772 and No-9725, respectively, for the period July 15, 1931, to August 15, 1931.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

August 31, 1971

Mr. Charles A. Wolcott,
905 Marine Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your note of the 20th instant,
I am enclosing some blank forms for your use in making
copies of deposits received at this institution from How-
ard W. Viskery.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

Enclosure

August 31, 1931

Mrs. Catherine J. Crosby,
County Hospital,
Prescott, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, please be advised that information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint can be furnished only upon the written authority of the depositor. If you will obtain such authority from your lessor and forward same to me, I will send you what information I have in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

September 1, 1931

Mr. John Bennett,
208 Exchange National Bank Building,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo
inclosing some nuggets which weigh upon receipt here, in-
cluding the envelope in which contained, 33/100 of a troy
ounce, I have to advise that deposits of mining gold are
not accepted weighing less than two troy ounces and I am
therefore returning the contents of your letter herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

September 1, 1931

Mr. H. J. Pell,
R. F. D. No. 1,
Brady, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 29th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post
the four samples forwarded by you to this Mint for assay,
having used the slip enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	45¢
Insurance fee	5.00
Stamp enclosed	25

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

September 1, 1901

Mr. H. J. Stubbs, Secretary,
Stratton Criddle Creek Mining & Development Co.,
P.O. Box 179, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 31st ultimo, I regret to say that I am not in a position to purchase the small amount of gold mentioned by you as the rules do not permit the acceptance of mining gold in amounts less than two troy ounces.

While the Mint does not recommend outside dealers nor assume any responsibility when names of dealers are suggested, I have no doubt that either Carl Hunsack, Mack Building, or Burleigh & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both in this city, would purchase this small amount of gold from you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:9

September 1, 1931

Byrnes-Buff Jewelry Company,
204 W.C.W. Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the
21st ultimo, I have to advise that your different lots upon
receipt here weigh as follows:

	Troy Ounces	
	Mint Weight	Your Weight
10-Karat Gold	5.08	5.08
10-Karat "	2.31	2.70
10-Karat "	<u>1.69</u>	<u>1.90</u>
	12.08	9.68

Referring to the platinum included in your consignment, which weighs 10/100 of a troy ounce, the Mint does not make allowance for this metal nor purchase same and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Awaiting your further advice in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,

FRANK L. WILSON, Superintendent

CH:2

September 2, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt on the 1st instant of the following files, via Railway Express Agency, Inc., on government bill of lading No. T-123478:

4 - Charles Sims Dies, Nos. 67 - 72

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *Dean Kinnick*
Acting Superintendent

September 2, 1931

Mr. J. W. Lefante,
Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your recent consignment which weighs upon receipt here 75/100 of a troy ounce and regret to say that the regulations do not permit me to accept deposits of mining gold having a weight of less than two troy ounces, and in accordance with your request will deliver your gold to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, with the request that they ~~send~~ ^{transmit} direct to you. No doubt you will hear from them in due course.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Hinrichs
Mining Superintendent

OK:7

September 2, 1921

Miss Helen F. Walsh,
1245 Waterview Place,
Far Rockaway, New York.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note of the 30th ultimo, please be advised that the information you have regarding the 1922 one-cent bronze pieces being coined only at this Mint is correct, but I regret to say that our stock of these coins has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Answering your question in regard to the coining of one-cent bronze pieces in 1921, will say that we have coined this denomination but the Mint regulations require that application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular. Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall be glad to send you the desired coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben. H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure
Stamp returned

September 2, 1931

Mr. A. Coesens,
Theracopolis, Wyoming. Box 136

Dear Sir:

In further reference to my letter to you of the 21st ultimo (addressed to A. Coesens), please be advised that I have now received your letter of advice and have to state that I neglected to advise you in my letter that your material weighs only 1.65 troy ounces and that I am unable to accept it as mining gold is not purchased in lots of less than two troy ounces. I would therefore request that you send, if possible, enough material to bring your consignment up to the required weight of two ounces and as much more as it may be convenient for you to send. I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you will write as promptly concerning your wishes in the matter.

Please advise me if I have your correct name as I am in doubt as to its spelling.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

WET

September 2, 1931

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1316 Arcade Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo, which you state weighs 8.60 ounces with a value of \$112.50, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 7.45 troy ounces and I doubt if its value will approximate \$100. As all deposits must have at least that value, I have to request that you will send enough additional material to insure that your deposit will comply with our regulations. Your material, in the meantime, is being held without treatment.

In regard to the letter of the Federal Securities Company of Texas enclosed with your letter of advice relative to the above consignment, please be advised that the deposit referred to by the Federal Securities Company was paid for under date of the 2nd instant and I have no doubt my check has now been received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

September 5, 1931

L. Macmillan's Loan Office,
509 East Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 1st instant in reference to your deposit which weighs upon receipt here 3.23 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint does not furnish estimates as to what will be paid for deposits prior to their acceptance as their value cannot be ascertained until after they are melted and assayed.

If you desire to dispose of your gold to the Mint, you will be paid for its full value, less \$1.00 for melting and the usual treatment charge. If you do not wish to sell it under these conditions, it will be returned to you by express at your expense upon receipt of advice from you to that effect.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 4, 1931

Benton Novelty Shop,
119 East 3rd Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your deposit at this institution, I have had returned to me this morning my letter of August 10th in which I explained to you the conditions which necessitated the re-jection of this deposit - this letter having been returned as un-claimed on account of insufficient address.

I now find that your street address is as above noted and I am forwarding you herewith a copy of my letter above named, to-gether with copy of my communication of the 28th of August in an-swer to your telegram of that date for your information in the event this letter failed to reach you.

Inasmuch as these letters fully explain to you the reasons for the delay in making settlement for your deposit and the condi-tions with which you will have to comply in the premises, further explanation is not believed necessary at this time. Kindly read these carefully and let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CHIT
Enclosures

September 4, 1931

Mr. Raymond M. Williamson,
C/o C. F. Cates,
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

During your employment at this institution as a probationary helper there was deducted from your compensation for the benefit of the Retirement Fund the sum of \$6.70 which it is the wish of the Bureau of the Mint to return to you upon your execution of the enclosed form. Kindly execute page 1 before a Notary Public and return to me at your earliest convenience when it will be forwarded to the Department at Washington and reimbursement made you for the amount so deducted.

Your attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 4, 1931

Mr. Harry A. Mitchell,
415 West 3rd Street,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a package bearing your name and address and weighing upon receipt here 1.94 troy ounces. As the minimum amount of mining gold which may be accepted for purchase is full two troy ounces, the Mint cannot accept your buttons and nuggets unless you can send a small amount of gold to be added thereto. If you are unable to do this, kindly forwarded the necessary postage and insurance and your material will be returned to you promptly.

It is also necessary that each deposit be accompanied by a letter of advice and if the consignment consists of mining gold, depositor must give the name and location of the mine or claim from which it has been produced and his connection therewith.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin
Acting Superintendent

September 4, 1931

The Capital Dental Laboratory,
306 Federal Bank & Trust Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your name on the label but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning same. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase, I have to request that you will write me promptly in regard to this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

September 4, 1931

Mr. C. E. Sherdahl,
New Black Building,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 1st instant which you state consists of gold and platinum, please be advised that the Mint does not purchase the latter metal and I doubt if your deposit without the platinum will have a value of \$100.00, which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

If convenient, I would be glad to have you forward enough good material to bring your deposit up to the required value and have also to request that you will forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your platinum if it is in separate form and can be separated from the gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

ONE

September 4, 1931

Mr. A. T. Wood,
Mountain Grove, Missouri. Route 6.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not buy watch chains when they consist of plated gold as the amount of base metal is extremely too great to render such deposits acceptable for purchase.

Deposits of manufactured articles must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and at least one-fifth of the weight of such deposits must consist of pure gold or pure silver, in addition to having the foregoing value.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Brinck
Acting Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

September 4, 1931

Messrs. Nelson, Turrell & Grand,
Hailey, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of one bottle of amalgam and have to advise that deposits in this form are not acceptable for purchase. Deposits of mining gold are accepted when sent in lots having a minimum weight of two troy ounces but all mercury must be driven off as far as it may be possible to do so.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your bottle of amalgam will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

Don Brincha
Acting Superintendent

WLT

September 8, 1931

Mr. T. S. Terry,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of advice of the 3rd instant accompanying your deposit at this institution in which you request to be advised of the assay of your white gold, marked 18-karat, which weighs upon receipt here 2.75 troy ounces, I have to advise that in order to supply the information requested it would be necessary to enter this white gold as a separate deposit. No deposits are received having a value under \$100.00 and under these conditions I am unable to comply with your request.

All the lots comprising your deposit will be melted into one bar and our assay will show the gold and silver content of the entire lot as consolidated. Please advise if this method of treatment is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Branch
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

September 5, 1931

Mrs. C. D. Martin,
1405 South Harrison Street,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo forwarding some gold and gold filled merchandise, which weighs upon receipt here 11.05 troy ounces, please be advised that such deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 in order to be acceptable for purchase and I doubt if your consignment will have that value owing to the large amount of gold filled ware included therein.

If you can send some additional good gold to be added to this consignment, I would suggest that you do so since if I treat your material as it now stands and find that its value is under the required amount, the regulations require that it be rejected and such charges imposed as have been incurred up to that time.

Your deposit is being held until I am further advised by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

September 8, 1931

Byrns-Duff Jewelry Company,
204-5 W. C. W. Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 3rd instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the platinum scrap forwarded by you to this Mint in error - using the 12¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	12¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps enclosed	24¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Hirsch
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

September 8, 1941

Mr. David S. Boyd, Cashier,
Citizens State Bank,
Guray, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant in which you stated you were forwarding a small lot of concentrating dust to be added to your consignment at this institution which is of insufficient value for acceptance, please be advised that a test of this dust shows that no values are present therein and I have this day returned to you by express, collect, your small deposit together with this dust as requested in the last paragraph of your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CHT

September 6, 1931

Mr. J. E. Drexler,
Crook, Minnesota.
Care: First National Bank.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 2nd instant and accompanying consignment which weighs upon receipt here 37/100 of a troy ounce and regret to say that this gold cannot be purchased as no deposits of mining gold are accepted weighing less than two full troy ounces.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your nugget will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CH.F

September 3, 1931

Mr. V. Wallace,
Hasty, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of August 29th, I have to advise that the Mlot is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing ores. I would suggest that you correspond with the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean H. Nichols
Acting Superintendent

CHS

September 8, 1931

Mr. W. H. Furman,
Simpson, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, I have to advise that if your gold weighs two troy ounces, it may be forwarded here for purchase - this being the minimum amount of mining gold now accepted - the former practice of limiting deposits to a minimum value of \$100.00 being waived in order to encourage mining during the present season.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don M. [Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 6, 1931

Honorable Edward P. Costigan,
United States Senator,
Farrington Building,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Senator:

In further reference to your letter of August 18th relative to the matter of refunding to Samuel L. Davidson the amount deducted from his wages for the benefit of the retirement fund while he was employed at this institution, and his apprehension that by signing the blank for said reimbursement he would jeopardize his right to be reinstated in the Government service, please find enclosed copy of letter received this day from the Acting Director of the unit at Washington which is self-explanatory.

I trust Mr. Davidson will now feel free to sign the blank form furnished him in order that payment may be made him as early as convenient.

With kind personal regards, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

September 8, 1931

Mr. C. H. Smith,
Hollinsville, Colorado. Box 86

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of the 7th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.95 troy ounces, and regret to advise you that the minimum amount of mining gold that may be accepted for purchase is two full troy ounces and I cannot therefore accept this deposit.

If you can send a small amount of gold to be added to this consignment, I shall be glad to have you do so, but if this is not convenient, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance. Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank P. Shepard
Mining Superintendent

September 6, 1931

Mr. J. C. Potter,
726 Valley Forge Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment No. 4, which you state weighs 12 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold weighs 11.55 troy ounces and before presenting to treat same I will have to request that you advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank C. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CS:7

September 9, 1931

Mr. A. E. Pellerin,
114 West Main Street,
Denison, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of advice of the 5th instant and under separate cover your consignment which weighs upon receipt here 66.53 troy ounces and have to advise that I am doubtful if your material will contain 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000 which is necessary to render your deposit acceptable for purchase.

In order to avoid the rejection of your consignment, which will be necessary if the above conditions are not met, I would suggest that you send at least 5 ounces of high-grade silver to be added thereto.

I am holding your material without treatment and would request that you advise me promptly if you can forward the necessary metal to insure your deposit meeting the requirement above stated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

To

Don Shepard
Mining Superintendent

September 9, 1931

Mr. W. H. Harrison, Cashier,
First National Bank,
La Veta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and under separate cover your consignment of placer gold, which weighs upon receipt here 13/100 of a troy ounce, and have to advise that as the minimum amount of mining gold that may be accepted is two full troy ounces, I am unable to purchase this gold and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Nichols
Acting Superintendent

September 9, 1921

Benton Novelty Shop,
119 East Third Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your note of the 3rd instant, I have this day delivered to the Universal Refining & Research Company of this city your consignment to this institution weighing 96.65 troy ounces.

Regretting that the Mint could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1931

Mrs. Juanita McKinney,
1928 Palmer Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your conversation of yesterday and your letter of the same date received this morning, you are advised that the samples of ore you have sent to Mr. W. L. Piers, 1542 Court Place, this city, are not suitable for acceptance by the Mint, as we do not accept mineral bearing ores of any kind.

In talking over the telephone yesterday you gave me to understand that Mr. Piers would deliver some gold to the Mint but I did not understand you were speaking of gold bearing samples which contain a very small amount of that metal, too small in fact for you to sell to any one. Mr. Piers has therefore been requested not to send your samples to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Kinrich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1931

McClannahan Clothing Company,
Attention: Mr. W. W. Hunt, Credit Manager,
1520 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant addressed to Mr. Ford, Assistant Chief Clerk at this institution, I have to advise that I have again called the attention of Ernest Powell to his indebtedness to your store and impressed upon him the necessity of making a settlement at an early date. He tells me that he expects to accomplish this in the very near future and I trust he will make good his promise in that respect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Deane H. Henshaw
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1931

Mr. J. W. Sanders,
Route 1, Box 12,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold jewelry when sent in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold content of not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

If you have enough old gold jewelry to have a value of \$100.00 and are in doubt as to the base metal content, I would suggest that you add enough pure silver to provide for its fineness to comply with the Mint's requirements.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less the customary charges which apply to the treatment of all deposits.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. C. Thompson
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1931

Mr. Arthur Cossons,
Thermopolis, Wyoming. Box 125

Dear Sir:

I have your additional consignment of 25/100 of a troy ounce to be added to your prior consignment weighing 1.65 troy ounces and have to advise that as these two lots together have a total weight of only 1.90 troy ounces, I am still unable to accept your gold for purchase as the regulations do not permit me to accept any consignments under 2 full troy ounces. I am therefore holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. A. Hinchey
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1931

Mr. H. C. Perry,
Overton, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, I regret to say that the Mint has no information as to the names of collectors who might purchase old currency, nor am I able to give you any information as to the value of the old English note in your possession. Perhaps the Numismatic Society of New York City could give some assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

Don Hancock
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 10, 1931

Custer County Bank,
Attention: Mr. C. E. Ferris, Cashier,
Custer City, South Dakota.


Gentlemen:

Answering your note of the 9th instant I have to advise that if you forward any deposits to the Mint from claims from which prior deposits have been forwarded and concerning which you have supplied detailed information as required by the Mint, it is not necessary to again furnish that information, but it is necessary that a letter of advice be forwarded with each deposit and to state the name of the claim from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CLT

September 10, 1931

Mr. F. W. Webb,
Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant enclosing \$1.00 in currency to pay for an assay for gold and silver of some samples of rock which you are forwarding under separate cover and have to advise that the Mint does not do work of that kind. Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order or cash to accompany your samples.

If you desire the samples you are forwarding here returned to you, kindly send the necessary postage.

Your \$1.00 in currency is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don Burch
Acting Superintendent

GH:T
Enclosure

September 11, 1931.

Mr. R. Grinspay,
1680 Steeple Street, Apt. 3-4
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and in reply you are advised that the Mint will buy gold filled watch cases in amounts of not less than \$100.00 and it is then necessary that such consignments be accompanied by sufficient silver to make the pure gold and silver content equal at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Upon your return to Denver, I would suggest that you call at the Mint for further information on this subject and in order that you can explain more clearly the nature of the material you have for sale.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Kinich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 11, 1931

Mr. H. C. Peake,
Medicine Bow, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your recent note I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum contained in gold deposits, nor will the Mint accept deposits of amalgam - it being necessary that such material be retorted to drive ^{off} all possible mercury.

If your black sand contains enough platinum to justify you in going to the expense of separating it from the gold, it is probable that Parlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, could do this work for you, but in suggesting the above firm, please understand that the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers and when names are suggested it is done simply as a matter of accommodation and the Mint assumes no responsibility in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Bartholomew
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 11, 1921

Mr. E. C. DeWitt,
White Bird, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit under date of the 8th instant which weighs upon receipt here 1.63 troy ounces, please be advised that the Mint does not accept for purchase deposits of mining gold weighing less than two troy ounces and it will be necessary for you to send approximately 40/100 of a troy ounce more to be added to this consignment before it may be accepted. Should this not be convenient for you, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Hinch
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1931

Mrs. Juanita McKinney,
1925 Palmer Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, I can only repeat what has already been stated to you in my communication of the 10th instant, namely, that the Mint does not accept deposits of gold bearing ore. Material of this kind should be treated by a smelter or reduction plant, the Mint not having the facilities for extracting the metal from the ore.

Upon receipt of 7¢ in postage the samples of ore you have forwarded here will be returned you. Please send this postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:7

September 12, 1931

Master Charles Slater, Chairman,
3332 South Sherman Street,
Englewood, Colorado.

Dear Master Charles:

I have your note of the 7th instant asking for a picture of the Mint and some books explaining the coinage of money by the Mint and regret to say that the Government does not have for distribution any pictures or printed matter of the kind desired by you.

I would suggest that you consult one of the larger encyclopedias from which I have no doubt you will be able to obtain considerable information on the subject.

Regretting that I cannot be of assistance to you in your studies, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1931

Mrs. Herbert C. Hib,
809 Mackinaw Street,
Saginaw, Michigan.

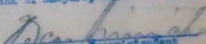
Dear Madam:

I have your note of the 9th instant and in reply please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins, hence, I have no information as to what value your coins would have among coin collectors, nor am I able to supply you with the names of reliable dealers in such articles.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 12, 1931

Mr. Edward D. Scott,
218 Main Street,
Wheeling, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant asking for ten 1922 cents, I regret to advise you that our entire stock of these coins has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

The two dimes enclosed with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean [Signature]
Acting Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

September 12, 1931

Messrs. Nelson Barrel & Grant,
 Halley, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 9th instant,
 I am returning this day your bottle of amalgam forwarded
 by you to this institution, using the 70¢ enclosed with
 your letter as follows:

Postage	15¢
Insurance	25¢
Special handling	15¢
Stamps returned	15¢
	<u>70¢</u>

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
 Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

September 14, 1931

Mr. I. E. Piggott,
Del Norte, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I have to advise that placer gold may be sent to the Mint in lots of not less than two ounces. Such deposits must be free of mercury but the gold does not have to be entirely pure.

Kindly accompany any consignments you may forward with a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don [Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 14, 1931

D. C. Smith & Company,
Crovilla, Washington.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, you are advised that the Mint pays \$30.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and mining gold is accepted in lots of not less than two ounces. The Mint does not purchase platinum nor undertake to separate this metal from deposits for return to depositors.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each deposit of 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. A small treatment charge is also imposed which varies according to the base metal contained in deposits.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice which must state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

I am not aware of what you mean by "Gladhausen" gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *Dean Pinch*

Dean Pinch
Acting Superintendent

CHIT
Stamped envelope returned

September 16, 1931

Mr. E. L. Strickle,
Apt. 35, Breslin,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 12th instant you are advised that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, based upon the quotation of the day before deposits are received.

The Mint imposes a \$1.00 melting charge for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces, or fraction, and a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base contained in deposits.

Enclosed you will find a circular which will give you further information on the subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *John B. Smith*
Mining Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

September 15, 1931

Mr. K. M. Flarty,
PV Ranch, Rio Blanco, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 14th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not buy platinum in any form. Perhaps you might dispose of your platinum to one of the larger platinum manufacturers such as Baker & Company, Newark, New Jersey; or J. Bishop & Company Platinum Works, Malvern, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

W. H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent.

CH:T

By stamp returned

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 15, 1931

First National Bank,
Mr. W.H. Harrison, Cashier,
La Veta, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant in which you stated you were enclosing 10¢ in stamps for the return of your placer gold consignment at this institution, you are advised that the stamps mentioned were not found therein.

Respectfully,

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By Frank E. Shepard

Acting Superintendent

CH:T

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

September 15, 1931

First National Bank,
Mr. E. S. Backer, Cashier,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 8th instant,
I have this day turned over to Burlingame & Parker, of this
city, the gold button forwarded by you to this institution
for purchase.

Regretting the delay in this matter, which was
caused by the fact that Mr. Parker, of the above named firm,
did not call for your gold until today although requested
to do so immediately upon receipt of your instructions to
turn it over to them, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1931

Mr. H. E. Myrick,
Delta, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant and small sample of black sand, please be advised that the Mint does not accept deposits of this kind as no gold appears to be contained therein and I doubt if any one could handle such material. The Mint does not make assays of material of this kind and if your sand does contain any gold, it is probably of a very small amount.

Your sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 16, 1931

Mr. J. W. Lefonte,
Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have this day turned over to Barlinguand & Parker of this city, the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase.

Regretting the delay in this matter, which was caused by the fact that Mr. Parker of the above named firm did not call for your gold until today although requested to do so immediately upon receipt of your instructions to turn it over to them, I am

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

W

Donna
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1931

Sibbing's Jewelry,
503 Main Street,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I have your deposit of recent date and have to advise that material of this kind is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and I am uncertain that your consignment will have that value. Should you be doubtful about this, I would suggest that you send enough more material to be added thereto in order that your deposit will meet the Mint's requirements.

Please also be advised that the Mint does not purchase platinum and if one of your rings is of that metal, as it appears to be, I would suggest that you send me the necessary postage for the return of this ring to you, and include the proper insurance.

All consignments should be accompanied by a letter of advice as they cannot be entered on our books for treatment until such a letter has been received.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you considerable information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and would ask that you read same carefully for your guidance in preparing your shipments for the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent


FRANK S. SHEPARD

CHIT
Enclosure

September 16, 1931

Co-Operative Finance Industrial Bank,
442 Gas & Electric Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 15th instant concerning the indebtedness of Ernest Powell, who is employed at this institution, to your bank and in accordance with my conversation with you over the telephone, I have brought this matter to Powell's attention and have told him he must make settlement with you promptly. Yesterday he called at my office and promised me that he would liquidate his indebtedness with you in the next few days.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Brinck
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

September 16, 1931

Mr. R. H. Fremont,
6637 South Heliotrope Avenue,
Bell, California.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant requesting information as to the amount of bullion received from the Mattie Consolidated Mines during the past five years, and payments made in connection therewith, and have to advise that the regulations do not permit me to supply such information to interested parties without the authority of the Depositor. If you will forward me a letter from the Mattie Consolidated Mines Company, signed by an officer thereof, authorizing me to supply you with the information you desire, I shall be glad to do so.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Kinrich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 15, 1921

Smith-Sherlock Company,
South Pass City, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 13th instant, please be advised that placer gold is accepted in minimum deposits of two troy ounces, and fabricated gold in lots having a value of not less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Benjamin C. Hinchey
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1931

Mr. Max Hirsch,
Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, you note in your invoice that you are shipping about 29 ounces or over of dental scrap but upon receipt here your bullion has a total weight of 25.80 troy ounces. As this is considerably under instead of over the weight given by you, I feel that I should hold your deposit until advised by you that the latter weight is satisfactory to you. Please advise me promptly in order that I may proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Hirsch
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1931

Mr. W. E. Brinkhall,
Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 15th instant, I
have to advise that no deposits have been received here
for some time from any placer work on Ute Creek, Ute Park,
New Mexico.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. E. Brinkhall
Acting Superintendent

CH:7

September 16, 1921

Mr. Dick Weiner,
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your recent deposit at this institution, weighing upon receipt here 12.82 troy ounces, has been found by preliminary assay to contain practically 970 assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000, and as the Mint does not accept deposits containing 800 or more assay parts of base metal, your consignment cannot be entered for treatment and purchase.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurances, your king will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

ENC.

September 16, 1931

Mr. H. E. Sanders,
Pecos Alto, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 15th instant, I have to advise that in order to encourage mining during the present season, the Mint will accept mining gold in lots of not less than two ounces, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice and stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits regardless of the locality from which obtained. A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each deposit of 1000 ounces or fraction thereof, also a small treatment charge.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. A. Smith
Mining Superintendent

CH:7

September 17, 1931

Federal Securities Company of Texas,
709 First National Bank Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that on the 14th instant I mailed you my check, in amount \$163.09, in settlement of three shipments from the Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company as follows:

1st shipment, 8/31,	weighing upon receipt here	7.45	Troy	Oz.	
2nd	"	"	"	11.50	"
3rd	"	"	"	28.00	"
			Total	46.95	"

These shipments were all combined and paid for as one deposit, owing to the fact that shipments 1 and 2 did not meet the requirements of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By Dea. Kinch
Acting Superintendent

CH:2

September 17, 1931

Mr. Edward L. Bennett,
68 Vine Street,
Everett, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I have to advise that all the dies used in this Institution are manufactured for us by the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and outside of these dies this Mint would have no work in your line.

Thanking you for calling my attention to this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Edmund J. [Signature]
Acting Superintendent

0012

September 17, 1931

Mr. H. B. Nixon,
Delta, Colorado. Box 482.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside, weighing 4.67 troy ounces, but have not received a letter of advice from you concerning this shipment which is necessary before it may be entered upon our books for treatment and purchase. Please write me this letter promptly and also advise as to the source from which this bullion has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Linnich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 18, 1931

Mr. S. C. Counter,
Colbert, Oklahoma. Box 438

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, please be advised that I am unable to advise you of any manner in which you could dispose of the material referred to in your communication.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *Dean Kinich*
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 16, 1931

International Creditors' Protective Association,
229-34 Evans Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant relative to the indebtedness of Longhorns to the Davidson Grocery, in amount \$6.14, I have to advise that I have again spoken to Williams about this matter, and he promised to see you within a few days.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

To

Davidson
Acting Superintendent

CH:7

September 16, 1931

Prof. D. I. Collins,
Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, please be advised that the Mint has no printed outline of any description for distribution.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:7

September 18, 1931

Dr. William A. Gibb,
Rooms 5-7 Colony Building,
Miles City, Montana.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, I am uncertain that it will have a value of \$100.00, and as the Mint does not accept deposits under that value, I would suggest that you send a small lot to be added to this consignment in order to insure its having the required value.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Kinich
Acting Superintendent

GR:T

September 16, 1931

Mr. R. Lee McCoy,
Helrose, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant,
you are advised that no deposits have been received at
this institution since December 1st, 1930, from the parties
or sources named by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. A. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 18, 1931

Mrs. Juanita McKinney,
1925 Palmer Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of the 17th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the samples
of ore forwarded by you to this institution, using \$4 of
the \$6 enclosed by you for insurance and you will find re-
turned herewith two one-cent stamps to balance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By *Don Kimich*
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

September 18, 1931

First National Bank,
Mr. W. H. Harrison, Cashier,
La Veta, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have this day returned to you by insured mail
the small amount of placer gold forwarded by you to this
Mint for purchase, using the 12¢ in stamps furnished by
you as follows:

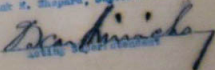
Postage	12¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned	81¢

Regretting that I was unable to be of service to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By



Enclosure

September 19, 1931

The Frank Zeitz Mining & Reduction Company,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 17th instant, please find enclosed same report showing the weight before and after melting, gold and silver fineness and value of each deposit received by this institution from your company since May 15, 1930, on which date your first consignment appears to have been received.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank W. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

OWT
Enclosure

September 10, 1931

Dr. S. B. Dehon,
Miller Building,
Kirksville, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

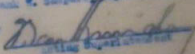
I have your letter of the 17th instant and in reply you are advised that your deposit, weighing upon receipt here 10.30 tray ounces, was received on the 2nd instant and check No. 14824, in amount \$148.01, was mailed you on the 4th instant, being addressed to Dr. S. B. Dehon, Miller Building, Kirksville, Missouri.

If you have not received this check, I would suggest that you make inquiry at your post office and have the postmaster make a search for same. If you are unable to locate it, please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

September 21, 1931

Mr. E. M. Phillips,
1551 North Vine Street,
Hollywood, California.

My dear Mr. Phillips:

I am in receipt this morning of a communication from Mr. E. J. Moffitt of Hollywood, in which he advises me of your sickness and inability to return to duty at the expiration of your present granted leave.

I am very sorry to learn of your illness and hope you will soon be enjoying good health again. I would suggest that you follow your doctor's instructions implicitly and I wish to assure you that there is no need for you to hasten your return to work until he thinks it proper for you to do so. Carl is getting along nicely and I would suggest that you take so much of your sick leave as you feel you may need.

Trusting you will speedily regain your health and with all good wishes in which the others join, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Hinch
Acting Superintendent

CS:T

September 21, 1931

Mr. E. J. Moffitt,
6777 Hollywood Boulevard,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 18th instant advising me of the illness of Mr. E. H. Phillips, an employee of this institution. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have this day forwarded to Mr. Phillips from which you will see that it not imperative for him to return to his duties at this time and that he may take so much of his thirty-day sick leave as you consider he may require.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By Dean Branch
Acting Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosure

September 21, 1901

Mr. F. E. Berbey,
Bear Creek, Luzerne County,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, I regret to advise you that I am unable to comply with your request for certain new coins. Under present regulations application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular, which please read carefully.

I am herewith returning the stamps enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

WES
Enclosure

September 21, 1931

Mr. James H. Smith,
Malvern, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 16th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not receive deposits
of manufactured or fabricated gold in lots having a
value under \$100.00 under which conditions the Mint could
not purchase you 18-karat gold watch case.

I would suggest that you take your watch case to
one of the large manufacturing jewelers in your city.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Hinrichs
Asst. Supt.

CHS

September 21, 1931

Mr. Stephen L. Kaffer,
Terreño, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 17th instant, please be advised that in order to encourage mining during the present season, the Mint will accept deposits of placer gold or mining gold in lots having a minimum weight of two troy ounces. Manufactured or fabricated gold is not accepted unless deposits have a minimum value of \$100.00.

If your gold is of the first mentioned character, and you have at least two ounces, it may be forwarded here for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank W. Shepard
acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 21, 1931

Mr. S. A. Giles,
Camp Croter,
Ashland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and have to advise that the Mint does not use an electrical depositor or precipitator to recover values as the Mint does not treat ores in any form, our work being limited to the manufacture of metallic coinage.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank T. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

CH:5

September 21, 1921

Miss Agnes M. Christiansen,
64 First Street, Oakwood Heights,
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Miss Christiansen:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I regret to advise you that our entire stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1912 has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request for one of these coins.

This Mint is now coining one-cent bronze pieces, 1921 coinage, but application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular. Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I will be glad to send you such 1921 one-cent bronze pieces as you desire.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

To

Wm. B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CHIT
enclosure

September 21, 1931

Rev. F. A. Sturgeon,
Chandler, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins and I am unable to give you any information as to
the value of the old coin in your possession. I am also
unable to advise where such information may be obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Don B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CR:7

September 21, 1931

Federal Securities Company of Texas,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, I have to advise that your deposit of September 14th was received at this institution on the 17th instant and a check in settlement was mailed you on the 18th instant, in amount \$224.81. I have no doubt you have already received this check and are in possession of the above information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By Don Branch
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 21, 1931

Mr. V. D. Flynn,
Hotchkiss, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and in reply have to say that your consignments had a total weight of 2.12 troy ounces before melting and exactly 2 ounces after melting. Had your material consisted entirely of pure gold, you would, of course, have been entitled to a larger payment than you received, but your material was not entirely pure gold and contained some silver, or it contained 818 assay parts of gold out of a possible 1000 and 181½ assay parts silver out of a possible 1000, the balance being base metal.

Your gold was paid for at the rate of \$205.67 for each troy ounce it contained of pure gold and at the rate of \$74 per troy ounce for its small silver content - \$1.04 being imposed as the Mint's charge for melting and treating your deposit.

I might say to make this clearer to you, your deposits contained a little over 818.00 per ounce in gold.

Trusting that you will now understand the method by which you were paid, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben H. Hinchey
Assistant Superintendent

September 21, 1931

Mr. Joseph Hennessey,
C/o The Walff & Marx Company,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 19th instant inclosing sample of mineral and regret to have to advise you that your sample consists of flaked mica and iron stained quartz, neither of which have any value.

Your sample and stamped envelope are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By Dean Hinniche
Acting Superintendent

OH:2

Enclosures

September 21, 1931

Sittingb Jewelry,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 18th instant, I have this day returned to you by the Railway Express Agency, Inc., the old gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Wm. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:2

September 21, 1921

Mr. W. H. Furman,
Simpson, Colorado.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the nuggets forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, I regret to advise you that as this material weighs but 1.28 troy ounces, the Mint cannot accept same for purchase - two full troy ounces being the minimum that may be accepted.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance these nuggets will be returned to you, *unless you can send the necessary additional amount*
Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

W. H. Hirsch
Mining Superintendent

CH:2

September 21, 1931

Gantt Brothers,
201 Roberts-Banner Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt today by express of your consignment of gold bullion which you state in your letter of advice weighs 12 ounces and 4 dwt. Upon receipt here this bullion weighs 11.15 troy ounces and owing to this discrepancy in weight, I am holding your material without treatment until advised by you *that* the weight as received here is satisfactory to you. Please let me hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 22, 1931

Mrs. Pendleton,
Hillcrest, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
nor have we any information as to the value of such coins,
and I may add that the Government never "calls in" any of
its coins or pays a premium thereon.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent

CB:2

September 22, 1931

Sherdahl's
New Black Building,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 15th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail two platinum rings included in your shipment of gold to this Mint for purchase, using the 2¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	1¢
Insurance fee	2¢
Stamps returned	2¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. C. Bunnick
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

September 22, 1931

Mr. A. W. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of recent date, weighing upon receipt here 87.01 troy ounces, you are advised that after melting and assaying your material it has been found to contain considerably over 800 assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000. This material is therefore unsuitable for acceptance and our charges amounting to \$1.00 have been imposed thereon which you will please remit at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this material as a new deposit, it will be necessary for you to send three or more ounces of high-grade silver to increase its precious metal content to comply with our requirements, but it cannot be reentered until the charges above mentioned have been paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Briggs
Acting Superintendent

OH:t

September 22, 1921

The Telluride Iron Works,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a letter from V. G. Watson, Telluride, Colorado, stating that he was forwarding for your account some gold bullion, which upon receipt here weighs 74.52 troy ounces, with the request that payment be forwarded to you at the above address.

Before this deposit can be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will forward me a full and complete statement as to the origin of this metal and that you guarantee title to this bullion to the United States Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Branch
Acting Superintendent

CH:V

September 22, 1931.

Morse Twist Drill & Machine Co.,
New Bedford, Conn.

Sirs:

Referring to the Government General Schedule
of Supplies for the fiscal year 1932, Class 40;
Item No. 40-20, Machine Twist Drills for which you
are the contractors, I have to request that you will
kindly forward me a copy of your Catalogue No. 63,
and discount sheet dated February 25, 1931, apply-
ing thereto.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

F.

By

Dean Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent.

September 23, 1931

Mrs. W. T. Lanham,
1615 Barry Avenue,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
of any kind, nor have I the names of any dealers or col-
lectors who might be interested in such coins.

Regretting my inability to assist you in this
matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

OH:T
Stamped envelope returned

September 23, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Enclosed please find non-reimbursable voucher covering 60 pairs of duck sleeves and 72 aprons which you kindly furnished this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 23, 1931

Messrs. Wilson & Chambers,
Placerville, Colorado. P.O. Box 74

Gentlemen:

I regret to say that your deposit received this morning is not suitable for acceptance as the Mint does not receive deposits of amalgam. It will be necessary for you to retort your material and drive off the mercury before your gold may be accepted at the Mint.

Please advise me promptly what disposition you desire made of your consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

OM:T

Circular enclosed

September 24, 1931

Freight Agent,
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly advise me as promptly as it may be convenient for you to do so of the freight rate per hundred-weight on Spar Varnish in metal cans between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Thanking you for a prompt reply, I am

Respectfully.

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 24, 1931

Mr. Alfred Moss,
506 Holland Building,
211 North 7th Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 22nd instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 123.24 tray ounces instead of 126 ounces as invoiced by you.

In view of this discrepancy in weight I am holding your deposit without treatment until advised by you if the weight as found here meets your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Binsch
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 24, 1931

Mr. J. W. Alberts,
Hilton Hotel Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the consignment forwarded by you on the 21st instant for the account of the Hilton Jewelers which weighs upon receipt here 7.72 troy ounces, I have to advise that I am uncertain if your material will have a value of \$100 which is the minimum amount received for purchase--

Should your deposit be found to contain less than \$100.00 in value, the regulations require its rejection and the imposition of such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection. In order to save you this unnecessary expense, I would suggest that you send so much additional gold as you feel will insure your deposit meeting the above requirement.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 24, 1931

Mr. Karl Waas,
113 South Second Street,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the consignment forwarded by you on the 22nd instant, which weighs upon receipt here 7.76 troy ounces, I have to advise that I am uncertain if your material will have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum amount received for purchase.

Should your deposit be found to contain less than \$100.00 in value, the regulations require its rejection and the imposition of such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection. In order to save you this unnecessary expense, I would suggest that you send so much additional gold as you feel will insure your deposit meeting the above requirement.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By

D. E. Linn
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

September 24, 1931

Federal Reserve Bank,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the alleged mutilated half eagle forwarded by you to this institution on the 23rd instant for reimbursement of its bullion value, please be advised that an assay of this alleged coin discloses that it is counterfeit and the metal of which it was composed, consisting chiefly of platinum, will be delivered to Mr. Rowland K. Goddard, Secret Service Operative in this city in accordance with the Mint regulations.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 25, 1931

Mr. Archie Warren,
111 Britian Street,
Saint John, New Brunswick.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 21st instant, please be advised that all the coins of the United States bear the year of their issue - no coins being manufactured without the date thereon.

The pattern pieces described by you were manufactured by private assayers in the early days of mining in this state and these pieces have no status as coins but I understand they now carry quite a premium. As the Mint does not deal in old coins, I am unable to advise you regarding their present value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

September 25, 1931

Mr. William McLaughlin,
Baggs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 22nd instant, please be advised that the Bureau of the Mint in order to encourage mining during the present season has authorized me to accept deposits of mining gold (which does not include amalgam) in lots having a minimum weight of two troy ounces, thus revoking the former regulation requiring that all deposits have a value of at least \$100.00 which now applies to ^{only} manufactured or fabricated gold.

If you forward any consignments to the Mint, please accompany same with a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Branch
Acting Superintendent

OH:T
Stamp returned

September 25, 1931

Dr. Henry Banks,
401 Besse Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment of the 22nd instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.70 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of manufactured or fabricated gold in lots having a value under \$100. It usually requires seven and one half ounces or more of dental gold to meet that requirement.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject and if you are unable to send the additional gold necessary to bring your consignment up to the required amount, it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 25, 1931

Mr. Jabez M. Smith,
Malvern, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that deposits of manufactured or fabricated gold are accepted at the Mint when accompanied by a letter of advice and when such deposits have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content (gold or gold and silver) of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

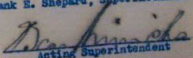
The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, and a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the base contained in the deposit.

Anticipating that this is the information you desire, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 25, 1931

Gantt Brothers,
201 Roberts-Banner Building,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your deposit of the 16th instant which has now been melted and assayed, I regret to have to advise you that its value has been found to be considerably under \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase under the regulations.

In view of this condition I am compelled to reject your deposit and impose such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection which amount to \$1.00 which you will kindly forward me at your earliest convenience.

If you can send between \$15.00 and \$20.00 more of gold to be added to this deposit, I shall be glad to reenter it but before this may be done the above charges will have to be paid. Please advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 26, 1931

Mr. Jack Mix,
Moran, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

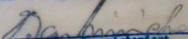
Referring to the nugget consigned by you to the Mint, I have to advise that an acid test of this metal indicates that it is brass and therefore not acceptable to the Mint as a deposit.

Your nugget will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 26, 1931

Mr. W. E. Stone,
Box 1541,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, I have to advise that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and for silver the New York market price, less the fraction, prevailing on the day prior to receipt of deposits.

The Mint imposes a charge of \$1.00 for melting for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. There is also a small treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

Deposits should have at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold or pure gold and silver. The Mint does not buy ore in any form. All transportation charges must be prepaid and each consignment accompanied by a letter of advice. Placer gold is accepted in minimum lots of 2 ounces. I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 26, 1931

Mr. John Albert King,
415 West 4th Street,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:


Answering your letter of the 25th instant, I regret to say that the Mint could not accept your nine pounds of placer sand and extract the gold contained therein as the proportion of sand to gold would render such a transaction impracticable.

Placer gold is accepted in minimum lots of two ounces but in such deposits there should be at least two ounces of gold and a very much lesser proportion of sand.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:7

September 26, 1931

C. M. Bowen & Company,
120 East Fifth Street,
Leadville, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not sell silver in any form which would answer your question regarding its purchase by you from the Mint either for cash or in exchange for gold bullion. If you have gold bullion containing silver, however, the silver content can be liquidated by the Mint in the form of silver bars and a check on the Treasurer of the United States issued in payment for the gold. As you are aware, of course, such deposits must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold or pure gold and silver.

In issuing silver bars in exchange for silver contained in deposits, the Mint prefers to have such exchange limited to a weight of not less than 25 ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean Birchall
Acting Superintendent

OW:T

September 28, 1931

Telluride Iron Works Company,
Mr. John J. Tracy, Secretary & Manager
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

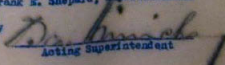
With reference to your letter of the 25th instant, please be advised that it is necessary that our records clearly show the sources from which all deposits at the Mint are obtained and while you state Mr. Matson was employed to make a survey of your scrap yard and scrap that you had not moved to Durango, you do not state that the gold he forwarded here was actually obtained in any manner from that scrap or that you guarantee title to the bullion to the United States Mint.

In order that all ambiguity may be eliminated and that our records will contain definite information as to the origin of this gold, I have to suggest that you obtain from Mr. Matson a statement of the manner in which he actually recovered this bullion and that he forward his statement to you for your endorsement that to the best of your knowledge his statement is true and that you guarantee title to the bullion to the United States Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 28, 1931

Mr. W. H. Furman,
Simpson, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of recent date, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 17¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned	6¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Hinch
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

September 28, 1931

Mr. D. E. Metz,
White Oaks, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment of gold, weighing upon receipt here 1.37 troy ounces, please be advised that the minimum amount of mining gold that may be received for purchase by the Mint is two full ounces and I am therefore unable to accept your deposit.

If you can send enough more gold to give your deposit the required weight, I shall be very glad to accept the combined lots, but if this is not convenient, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance and your gold will be returned to you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

September 28, 1931

Mr. H. C. Steiner,
Albion, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:


Referring to the watch case forwarded by you to this institution, please be advised that under the regulations all deposits of old gold or fabricated gold must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and I am therefore unable to accept this watch case for purchase.

If you can send enough additional material to be added to this consignment to bring its value up to the required amount, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise your watch case will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

September 28, 1931

Mr. Walter Lilly,
General Delivery,
Puesta, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 23rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will accept placer gold in lots having a minimum weight of two ounces, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 28, 1931

Mr. Albert Newma,
923 Rose Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant in reference to settlement made you on the 22nd instant for your consignment at this institution and have to advise that upon receipt here your deposit weighed 10.08 troy ounces and after melting 8.44 troy ounces - the loss of 1.64 troy ounces being due to copper, dirt and sulphide and it was necessary to work your deposit considerably to reduce the latter.


You will note from my memo of returns that the gold content of your shipment was 741 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 1000 and silver 117 assay parts out of a possible 1000, leaving a base content of 141 $\frac{1}{2}$. I have had these assays checked and do not find any mistake has been made in connection therewith.

I am glad to have you advise me at any time when payments do not meet your expectations and will gladly rectify errors, should any be made.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 28, 1921

Miss Hazel Jones,
502 East Jenkins Street,
Maryville, Missouri.

Dear Miss Jones:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and answering your question as to how money gets into circulation, I have to say that all paper money is manufactured by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D. C., and metal money at the United States Mints, one being located at Philadelphia, one at Denver and one at San Francisco.

Except for such payments as the Treasurer of the United States feels it desirable to make direct in liquidation of the obligations of the United States and matters pertaining thereto, all paper currency and coin are distributed through the federal reserve banks or branches, the federal reserve banks depositing with the Treasurer acceptable securities for all such funds obtained by them. The other banks obtain their supply from the federal reserve banks or branches, depositing therewith such securities as those banks deem sufficient and through these latter banks the money reaches the people through the numerous transactions coming within the scope of these banks.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some interest in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

W. H. ...
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 26, 1931

Mr. Raymond M. Williamson,
C/o C. F. Cates,
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your application for refund of moneys deducted from your wages while employed at this institution and have to advise that this application is defective as noted by the red pencil check marks thereon, all of which information should be supplied before your application is forwarded to Washington for the payment of these deductions.

I am enclosing a new form for your use which has not been filled out in the event that the United States Commissioner, John W. Melbourne, is for any reason unable to sign his certificate by hand - the Department not accepting signatures conveyed by rubber stamp.

Please return your application to me as soon as possible after it has been properly executed and I will complete same and forward it to Washington.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosures



UNITED STATES MINT AT DENVER September 26, 1951

Respectfully returned with the information that in receiving gold and silver at the Mints, the troy ounce or fraction thereof is used in all transactions pertaining thereto. The karat is used by jewelers to express the proportion of gold in an alloy; thus gold 18 karats fine is equal to 18/24 or 3/4 pure gold. It is also used by them as a unit of weight for precious stones - one karat weighing 5.2 grains. The miners usually use the troy weight in the same manner as the Mint. Individual miners frequently use the pennyweight to express the fraction of a troy ounce.

Trusting that this is the information desired by you, I am

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

September 29, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt with thanks
of your voucher-check No. 10528, in amount \$1.55, and your
cash remittance of 45¢ covering collections from telephone
booths Main-9972 and Ke-9725 at this institution for the
period August 18th to September 15th, 1931.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

September 29, 1931

Mr. Stephen L. Kaffer,
Tererro, New Mexico. Box 494

Dear Sir:

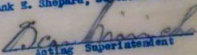
Your consignment weighing 1.92 troy ounces has been received and I am unable to accept it for purchase as the very minimum amount the Mint may accept is two full ounces. It will therefore be necessary for you to send me the necessary amount of gold to be added thereto before it may be purchased.

In view of the fact that the piece of filigree work is very small, I have added it to your material and it is included in the above weight, although the Mint does not usually accept fabricated gold in lots having a value under \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OE:T

September 29, 1931

Miss Mary A. Yates,
817 East 16th Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Miss Yates:

With reference to your letter of September 28th, please be advised that the Mint will purchase old gold jewelry when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and when the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

If you are in doubt as to the probability of your jewelry meeting the foregoing requirements, I would suggest that you bring it to the Mint for examination if such action would be convenient for you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 29, 1931.

Messrs. Walker Brothers,
Delta, Colorado. Box 535

Gentlemen:

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th instapt,
please be advised that the Mint cannot accept concentrates
or ores of any kind.

To encourage mining during the present season,
the Mint will accept deposits of mining gold in lots of two
full ounces but no allowance is made for any metals other
than gold and silver. I am enclosing a circular which
may be of some assistance to you in the matter of making
deposits at the Mint.

I regret that I have no information as to a mar-
ket or the present value of titanium.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don L. ...
Acting Superintendent

OS:T

Enclosure

September 29, 1931

Mr. L. Freeman,
614 Fannin Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your consignment, weighing upon receipt here 8.44 troy ounces, and have to advise that all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice before they may be entered on our books for purchase. Upon receipt of such letter of advice from you, I will proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Wm. H. Smith

CH:T

September 29, 1931

Mr. Walter A. Anderson,
329 Barker Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of the 28th instant which you state weighs over 20 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here this consignment weighs 19.30 troy ounces. As this weight is considerably under your weight, I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat your material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin C. Lee
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 29, 1931

Mr. U. J. Burrows,
New Smyrna, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, please be advised that the Mint will purchase old gold from individuals when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I may say that gold-filled jewelry contains very little gold and its appraisal therefore should be upon that basis and if the consignment consists of a large amount of such material, it will be necessary to have plenty of high grade gold or silver to offset the base metal content.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some help to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 29, 1931.

Mr. William Duke,
Mesa, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sack of rock received from you on the 28th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand. Assays of this kind, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver - money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 29, 1931.

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge the receipt from your bank of a sack of coin, but to date I have not received from you a letter of advice containing such information as is necessary before I can proceed to treat this deposit. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 29, 1931

Mr. W. J. Crouch,
Mesa, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt from you of a sack of rock which I assume was forwarded to this institution for assay and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind. Reliable assays can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver. Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

September 30, 1931

August Meyer & Sons,
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

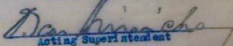
Complying with your request of the 28th instant
I have this day returned to you by insured mail your Lot
No. 5, which contains only platinum, having used the 15¢
in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢
Insurance	10 ¢
Stamps returned	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

September 30, 1931

Mr. George L. Williams,
Thornton & Minor Clinic,
926 McGee Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request for two 1931 one-cent bronze, please be advised that the regulations require that all applications for new coins must be made direct to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular. Upon receipt of instructions from the Treasurer, I shall be pleased to send you the desired coins.

Your self-addressed stamped envelope and the two one-cent bronze pieces enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Donna H. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

Enclosures

September 30, 1931

Mr. R. W. Stewart,
C/o County Treasurer,
Clinton, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 89/100 of a troy ounces, has been received and I regret to say that I am unable to purchase this gold from your neighbor as the regulations of the Treasury Department do not permit the acceptance of consignments having a value under \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this gold jewelry will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 30, 1931

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge,
Walden, Colorado. Box 15

Dear Madam:

Referring to the sample forwarded by you to the Mint, I have to advise that while the Mint does not assay mineral bearing sands or ores, the bright specks contained in your sample are flakes of mica which have no value.

If you desire the return of your sample, please send me the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Kinnick
Acting Superintendent

ON:T

September 30, 1932

Mr. T. M. Simpson,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment to this institution under date of the 29th instant, I regret to advise you that under present regulations only such deposits of mining gold as have a minimum weight of two full ounces may be accepted by the Mint for purchase.


The small piece of material forwarded by you seems to have some values but it weighs only 51/100 of an ounce and therefore is not acceptable for purchase. The large piece contains no values.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your shipment will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

September 30, 1931

Mr. William Myring,
9646 - 53rd Avenue, S.E.
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant, please be advised that no proof coins are manufactured by this institution but this Mint has on hand uncirculated coins of various denominations which you may be able to obtain by application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

I regret to advise you that our stock of one cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dean B. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

September 30, 1931

The Frank Zeitz Mining & Reduction Company,
Leadville, Colorado.


Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 25th instant, I am enclosing herewith copy of memo report on all bullion deposited by your company at the Mint since 1927, a similar copy having been sent to Mr. Clem W. Collins, University Building, Denver.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

September 30, 1931

Mr. Glen W. Collins,
University Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our recent conversation over the telephone and the request of the Frank Zaits Mining & Reduction Company under date of the 28th instant, please find enclosed copy of memo report on all the bullion deposited at the Mine by the Frank Zaits Mining & Reduction Company.

With reference to the deposit of May 16, 1931, weighing 7.76 troy ounces, please be advised that this consisted of two shipments, the first weighing 3.15 troy ounces having been received about two years prior to May 16th when the second shipment consisting of 4.61 troy ounces was received for addition thereto - the first shipment being of insufficient value to be accepted as a deposit.

Trusting that this report will contain the information desired by you, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

October 1, 1931

Dr. Henry Banks,
401 Besse Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 25th ultimo, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, having used the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamp returned	2¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

October 1, 1931

Mr. J. E. Drexler,
Care, First National Bank
Crosby, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter to you of the 8th ultimo requesting that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your nugget, I have to advise that the receipt which you forwarded to me cannot be used to defray the expense of this return postage, it having no value except as a receipt from the post office to you for the package which you forwarded to the Mint.

Upon receipt of the required postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Your receipt is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

October 1, 1931

Mrs. O. Castaldi,
316 Macca Avenue,
Raton, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 30th ultimo, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and your \$5 gold piece if sold to the Mint would only be worth its face value less such abrasion as may have occurred since it was issued in 1843.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

October 2, 1931

D. C. Smith & Company,
Oroville, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that as you will note from my letter of the 14th ultimo, the Mint pays \$20.67 per troy ounce of pure gold which would not be the rate for the gross weight of your deposit as it contained only 830½ assay parts of gold out of a possible 1000 and 168½ assays parts of silver out of a possible 1000.

Your gold is of a purity generally found under the conditions in which you obtained it and it is very rare indeed that absolutely pure gold is found, it being nearly always associated with silver and other metals.

You were paid for the full amount of pure gold contained in your deposit and I would gladly have paid you more had the assays of your material justified it.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

October 3, 1931

Mr. A. J. Kessling,
Marfa, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have received from you at your former address,
Cedarwood, Colorado, a few samples which upon examination
appear to be mica and therefore without any value.

If you desire the return of this material,
please forward the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

HL:T

October 3, 1931


Montrose Hardware Company,
Montrose, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your consignment of the 1st instant, consisting of 9 buttons weighing upon receipt here 4.10 troy ounces. As you state the weight of this deposit to be approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ ounces, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight of this deposit as found at this institution is satisfactory to you.

I also have to request that you will advise me as to the source from which this bullion has been obtained - the Treasury Department requiring me to keep a record of the sources of all production of gold bullion.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

October 3, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day forwarded by insured parcel
post the PYX coins of this institution for the quarter
ended September 30, 1931, as follows:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Pieces</u>	<u>Value</u>
Dimes	250	\$ 25.00

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

October 5, 1931

Prof. Bancroft Coss,
South Dakota State School of Mines,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Although our supply is somewhat limited, I
am enclosing 12 copies of our table of charges as re-
quested in your letter of the 30th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

October 3, 1931

Mrs. M. B. Clement,
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, I have to advise that if you have two full troy ounces of mining gold you may forward them here for purchase. I would suggest that this material be forwarded by parcel post, insured, or by registered mail, addressing your consignment to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado.

I presume you understand that while the Mint pays \$20.67 an ounce for gold, that does not mean that if you have two ounces or more you will be paid that amount as it only applies to the pure gold content of your consignment and not to the gross weight of same.

Please state the source from which this gold has been obtained when forwarding your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

October 3, 1931

Mr. Carl Wallber,
2839 West State Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

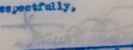
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th ultimo requesting that certain coins be sent you, please be advised that application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of instructions from the Treasurer, I shall be pleased to send you the desired coins.

Your two one-cent bronze pieces are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

October 3, 1931

First National Bank,
Silverton, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In further reference to your consignment at this institution for the account of John A. Hughes, I have to request that you will kindly obtain from Mr. Hughes a more complete statement as to the character of the bullion which you have forwarded here and if possible the source from which he obtained it, and that he will guarantee title thereto to the United States Mint. Upon receipt of his statement, I have to request that you will endorse thereon that you believe his statement to be true to the best of your knowledge, guaranteeing title to the United States Mint.

As you perhaps are aware, the Government requires me to keep an accurate record as to the sources from which all bullion deposited at the Mint has been obtained and the Colorado State law also requires that all bullion sold must be vouchered for by the vendors thereof.

Upon receipt of a satisfactory statement as above outlined, I will proceed to treat your consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

October 5, 1931

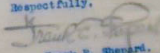
Mr. Chas. Swanda
510 - W. 2nd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins and I am therefore unable to send you a price list or advise you to whom you could apply for information pertaining thereto.

Your stamps are returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard.
Superintendent.

October 5, 1931

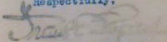
First National Bank
Silverton,
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your shipment of the 23rd ultimo for the account of John A. Hughes, please be advised that a preliminary test of this metal indicates that it contains base metal far in excess of the amount permitted by the regulations of the Mint governing the receipt of deposits.

Under these conditions your deposit could not be accepted, and I have to request that you will advise me what disposition you desire made of your button.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

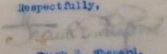
October 6, 1931

Mr. W. B. Sheldon
R. F. D. # 5, Box # 240
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry, please be advised that the Mint does not make assays of ore or mineral bearing sand. The U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, is equipped to do such work, however, charging \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead and \$2.00 for copper, each sample. Money order for the proper amount should accompany your samples.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:Mo

October 6, 1931.

Mr. Howard E. Vickery,
1003 - 5th St.,
Boulder, Colo.

c/o Geo. H. Davis.

Sir:

With reference to your consignment of the 5th inst. on which you have marked its weight as being $4\frac{1}{2}$ Troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here its weight has been found to be 4.37 Troy ounces. As this is considerably under your weight I have to request that you advise me if this latter weight is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 6, 1931

Mr. E. Archie
Box # 136
Taos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, please be advised that no deposits have been received at this institution during the current year from the Mystic Mine on Baldy Mountain.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:to

October 2, 1931

Mr. R. W. Stewart
c/o County Treasurer
Clinton, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2nd instant, I have delivered your small consignment at this institution to Barlingame & Parker, bullion dealers, 1901 - Lawrence St., this city, for purchase with instructions to make returns direct to you, and I am returning your 12 cents in postage herewith.

Trusting this action will be satisfactory to you,

I am,

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OK:Mo


October 6, 1931.

Mr. H. C. Steiner,
Albion, Nebr.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 2d inst., I am returning you under separate cover the small consignment forwarded by you to this institution and am enclosing 5¢ cents in stamps which are in excess of the amount necessary for the return of your consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 6, 1931

Mr. William Mysing
 9646 - 53rd Avenue S. E.
 Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the following coins of this Mint's manufacture are available for distribution upon approval of the Treasurer of the United States:

Double Eagles -----	1925, 1926, 1927
Eagles -----	1914
Half Eagles -----	1909
Standard Silver Dollars -	1921, 1922, 1926, 1927
Half Dollars -----	1909
Quarter Dollars -----	1926, 1929
Dimes -----	1923, 1929, 1931
Five Cent Nickel -----	1929
One Cent Bronze -----	1929, 1930, 1931

No silver dollars were coined in 1928, 1929 or 1930. No commemorative half dollars have been issued by this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. [Signature]
 Superintendent.

CH:120

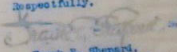
October 6, 1931

Messrs. Wilson & Chambers
Box # 71
Lake City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant, I have to advise that Barlingame & Parker have this day delivered to the mint a button weighing 5.23 Troy ounces which they have recovered from your amalgam. I will now proceed to treat this button and upon determining its pure gold and silver content, will mail you check in payment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:MO

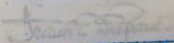
October 6, 1931.

Mr. T. M. Simpson,
Hill City, S. Dak.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 3d inst., I am returning you under separate cover the small consignment forwarded by you to this institution and am enclosing 22 cents in stamps which are in excess of the amount necessary for the return of your consignment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 6, 1931

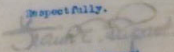
Mr. J. H. Conrad
Box 9405
Ingomar, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant, enclosing an old gold coin and under separate cover have received the nugget mentioned by you.

The Mint does not deal in old coins hence I am unable to give you any information as to the value of your coin and am returning it to you herewith. Your nugget has no value in the precious metals, being only brass and is being returned you under separate cover.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard
Superintendent.

OW:10

October 7, 1931

Mr. Ernest Stein
Calle Atlas No. 104
Mazatlan, State of Sinaloa, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 4th instant, I am enclosing copy of the Table of Charges covering deposits at the Mint from which you will note a melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on each deposit of 1000 ounces or fraction and 10 cents additional for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof in excess of 1000 ounces, computed on the weight of the deposit after it has been melted by the Mint. The parting and refining charges vary according to the base metal contained in deposits and you can closely approximate these charges if you know the approximate gold and silver content of your bullion. No separate charge is made for assaying when deposits are acceptable for purchase. Silver bullion without an appreciable gold content is not purchased by the Mints at this time owing to the large stock of such bullion on hand.

Your consignments should in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice and by the Consumption Entry Permit of the U. S. Customs Officials at the port of entry. All transportation charges must be prepaid by the consignor.

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second sheet 8*


October 7, 1931.

Mr. C. D. Lemaster,
White Wood, So. Dak.

Sir:

In reference to your consignment to this institution, I have to advise that no deposits of mining gold are accepted having a weight under two full ounces. As your consignment weighs but 1.06 Troy ounces, it will be necessary for you to send approximately another ounce of similar material to be added to this lot before it may be purchased. If this is not convenient, your gold will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

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Payment is usually made the third day after the receipt of deposits at the Mint and frequently the second day, making allowance of course for intervening Sundays and holidays.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each Troy ounce of fine gold contained in deposits and the New York market price for silver (less the fraction) which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of deposits the Mints charges being deducted from the amount due. A settlement memo accompanies each payment showing the weight of deposit before and after melting, the fine gold and silver content, the price paid for the silver, the Mints net charges and amount paid in liquidation.

I shall be glad to receive your deposits and they will be given prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:do

October 7, 1931

Markman Jewelry Company, Inc.,
207 - E. San Antonio Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant. I have to state the Mint will accept Mexican gold for purchase when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100 and a precious metal content of at least one fifth the weight of the deposit. Consignments should be accompanied by a letter of advice and the Consumption Entry Permit of the U. S. Customs officials at the port of entry.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Chopard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 6, 1931.

Mr. J. E. Draxler,
c/o First National Bank,
Crosby, Minnesota.

Sir:

Please be advised that I have returned you this day by insured parcel post your small consignment weighing .37 of a Troy ounce, which the Mint could not accept owing to its small value.

The postage and insurance on this package amounted to $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents and I am returning herewith $23\frac{1}{2}$ cents in postage stamps which makes up the total received from you amounting to 30 cents.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 8, 1931.


Mr. R. L. McDonald,
Box 1234,
Breckenridge, Texas.

Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 6th instant, you are advised that this institution does not make assays of mineral bearing soil, but such work can be done for you by the United States assay office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc. Money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

I would suggest that you write to the Salt Lake office for information as to the size of the sample you should send and any other information you may wish in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 8, 1931.

Mr. E. B. Mount,
Security Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, I have to advise that this institution does not make analyses of mineral bearing ores nor purchase same, nor do we accept ores for treatment and refining.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 6, 1931.

The Bank of Douglas,
Douglas, Arizona.

Sirs:

Referring to your consignment No. 4488 of the 6th instant, weighing upon receipt here 7.25 Troy ounces, I have to advise that no Consumption Entry Permit from the U. S. Customs officials at the port thru which this bullion entered the United States accompanied your consignment, and I have to request that this document be forwarded to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 8, 1931.

Miss Emma Luckow,
Heltinger, N. Dak.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 5th inst., I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your teeth will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-8

October 8, 1931.

Mayer Jewelry Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sirs:

Referring to your consignment of the 6th inst., I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 177.70 Troy ounces, instead of 200 ounces, as stated by you. Before proceeding to treat this consignment I have to request that you advise me if the Mint weight is satisfactory to you, and as this material consists of gold filled ware I would suggest that you send enough silver to assure its having at least 200 assay parts out of a 1,000 of the precious metals. In the event you are confident your consignment will meet that requirement it will not be necessary for you to send any additional material.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent.

October 8, 1931.

Mr. Roy Elliott,
Box 1223,
Globe, Ariz.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 3d inst., which weighed upon receipt here 1.87 Troy ounces, I have to advise that this consignment is not of sufficient weight to be accepted by the Mint - two full ounces being the very minimum received. If convenient to you please send sufficient additional material to bring your deposit up to the required weight - but if this is not convenient, it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. WOOD, Superintendent.

October 8, 1951.

Mr. D. E. Decker,
West Frankfort, Ill.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date,
please be advised that to date I have not received
from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto, which
is necessary before it may be entered upon our books
and treated. Kindly advise me concerning this shipment
at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

E-3

October 8, 1931.


State National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Sirs:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 6th inst., your Collection No. 60253, which you state in your letter of the same date contains 6,000 Mexican gold pesos, I have to advise upon receipt here your shipment is one peso short, containing 5,995, instead of 6,000, as stated by you.

Before proceeding to treat this shipment, I have to request that you advise me if this matter was correct and satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 8, 1931.

Mr. R. L. Warner,
1115 McGee St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date, please be advised that to date I have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto, which is necessary before it may be entered upon our books and treated. Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

E-3

October 9, 1931.


Mr. George E. McClellan,
Holmes, Wyo.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment of recent date, I have to advise upon receipt here your gold has a weight of only 1.88 Troy ounces, and I regret to say the Mint cannot purchase this gold, as I am authorized to receive only such deposits as have a minimum of two full Troy ounces. Formerly no deposits were received having a value under \$100. and the Treasury Department has lately reduced the minimum which may be accepted to two ounces to encourage placer mining during the present season.

If you can send enough additional gold -- bring your consignment up to two ounces, I shall be glad to purchase it, but if this is not convenient please send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

October 9, 1931.

Miss Margaret O. Clark,
Box 262 - Lund's Cor. Sta.,
New Bedford, Mass.

Dear Madam;

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst., I have to advise that while the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon the five cent nickel piece to which you refer has been changed by someone who engraved the buffalo on the reverse side in place of the design it had when manufactured at the Mint, genuine coins having the buffalo on the obverse side only. Your piece is therefore a mutilated coin and not fit for further circulation.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

Oct. 10, 1931.

Butte County Bank,
Pelle Fourche, S.D.

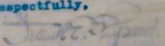
Sirs:

With further reference to your letter of September 26, I send you herewith Treasurer's check No. 10517 in your favor for \$3. being the value of three silver dollars classified as uncurrent coins.

For the mutilated three silver dollars and one quarter dollar, I enclose money order for 65¢ being the metal value.

In the future kindly send uncurrent coins to the Federal Reserve Bank or branch bank of your district for redemption at face value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard
Superintendent.

P.

October 10, 1931.

Mr. Max Hirsch,
Flagstaff, Ariz.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of 5th inst. which weighed upon receipt here 6.49 Troy ounces, I have to advise that after treating this deposit I find its value to be considerably under \$100., which is the minimum amount received. It will be necessary for you to send me a money order for \$1.00 to cover the Mint's charges for treating the deposit and if you wish it re-entered at least \$30. in additional gold to be added to this lot. Your bar will then be re-entered or returned to you as you may wish. Please advise me of your wishes at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 16, 1901

Mrs. M. B. Clement
216 - North 6th Street
Sterling, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

As stated in my recent letter to you, if you have 2 full Tray ounces of mining gold you may forward it here for purchase. The Mint does not treat gold bearing ore, so could not purchase that which you have for sale.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Office

October 10, 1931

Dr. M. A. Fredericks
Wesker
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 8th instant, please find enclosed circular giving full information relative to deposits at the Mint.

Please read these regulations carefully and any consignments received from you complying therewith will have my careful and prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard,
Superintendent.

GN:Ms

October 12, 1931

Mrs. C. A. Wolf.
Topeka.
Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins nor have I any information regarding any dealers
who are engaged in that business.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OE:Mc

October 12, 1931

Mr. J. A. Jackson
c/o Dickinson General Hospital
Yreka, California.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo and in reply regret to say I am unable to suggest any one who would be interested in handling your mining proposition as the Mint does not come in contact with persons engaged in matters of that kind. I may suggest however, that you might correspond with editors of the Engineering & Mining Journal, published by the McGraw - Hill Publishing Co., Inc., Tenth Avenue at 36th Street, New York City, who are in close contact with mining in all its phases.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

GT:12

October 12, 1931

Rev. W. H. Owen
88 - Morningside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 8th instant, please be advised that one cent bronze pieces have been manufactured at this Mint during the current calendar year and will be furnished upon application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

Frank. H. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 12, 1931

Mr. Ernest Riccon
Golden
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your two lots of gold bullion weighing upon receipt here, No. 1 - 1.95 Troy ounces and No. 2 - 1.30 Troy ounces, and your request that the value of each be stated in making payment of the combined lots, I have to advise compliance with your request would necessitate that each be melted and assayed separately, thus making a deposit of each lot. As no deposits are entered for treatment under 2 full Troy ounces I am therefore unable to give you the value of each lot or the weight thereof after melting. The weight before melting is given above and if it will be satisfactory to you to combine these lots in one deposit, please advise me to that effect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

gm:mk

October 12, 1931

Mr. O. W. Ryberg
First National Bank
Silverton, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 5th instant, I am returning you this day by insured parcel post your consignment for the account of John A. Hughes which the Mint could not accept owing to its excessive base metal content.

The postage and insurance on this shipment amounted to 62 cents and herewith please find 15 cents in stamps, the balance due you from your remittance of \$1.00.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OW:lm

October 12, 1931

Mr. A. S. Buckner, Cashier
The First National Bank
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of the 9th instant, I have to advise that mining gold is not accepted for purchase in lots of less than 2 ounces and I will therefore turn your gold over to Parker & Burlingame, 1901 - Lawrence Street, this city, for returns direct to you as requested in your letter of same date.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OK:mn

October 12, 1931

Mr. Geo. A. Reynolds
Idaho Springs
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of the 6th instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.59 Troy ounces, please be advised that 2 full Troy ounces is the least the Mint will accept for purchase.

If you can send enough additional gold to bring your deposit up to 2 ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:110

October 12, 1931

Mr. Paul A. F. Walter
First National Bank
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant,
enclosing some gold articles which weigh upon receipt here
96/100 of a Troy ounce.

The Mint does not accept deposits of this nature
having a value under \$100 and I therefore regret to say your
consignment cannot be entered for treatment and will be re-
turned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHALK

October 13, 1931

Mr. G. H. Hightower
Silver City
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept gold dust or gold in its natural state in lots of not less than 2 full Troy ounces. The charges on such a deposit would be \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained.

If you wish an assay only of some gold samples the charge would be \$3.00 for each sample. The Mint, however, does not make assays of mineral bearing ore nor mineral bearing sand.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

Denver, Colo., October 13, 1931.

The First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Please forward part of entry permit covering your deposit fifth instant
Your collection number one forty five forty six.


Superintendent Mint.

Collect at Nogales.

October 18th, 1931.

Miss Vivian Woods,
3314 Franklin Street, City.

Dear Miss Woods:-

Replying to your note of the 9th instant, I have to advise that the Government does not issue any literature or pictures covering the manufacture of money and I regret that I am unable to be of any assistance to you in this respect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

October 13th, 1931.

Mr. Roy Elbers,
2431 High Street,
Blue Island, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of recent date, please
be advised that the Mints do not deal in old coins nor pay a
premium thereon and I am therefore unable to supply you with
any information regarding the coins mentioned by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

October 14, 1931.

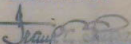
Mr. George Gartrell,
P. O. Box 153,
Idaho Springs, Colo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst. I have to advise that the Mint will accept fine gold in its natural state or placer gold in lots of not less than two full Troy ounces, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Such shipments may be made by registered mail, insured parcel post or railway express, as may be preferred by the shipper, all transportation charges to be prepaid.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

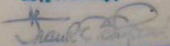
October 14, 1931.

Mr. A. P. Story,
P. O. Box 37,
Sunburst, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 9th inst. which weighs upon receipt here .21 of a Troy ounce, I have to advise that two full ounces is the very minimum accepted for purchase and as this material contains considerable mercury, its gold content will likely fall considerably under the foregoing weight. As you state you will likely have some more gold to send to the Mint a little later on, I will hold this lot, if you so wish, until you can send approximately three ounces more to be added to it. If you do not wish me to do this, please send the necessary postage and insurance for return of your amalgam.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 14, 1931.

L. J. Kana & Son,
436 Paxton Block,
Omaha, Neb.

Sirs:

Referring to your consignment to this institution of recent date I have to advise that no deposits are entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice. Upon receipt of such an advice your deposit will have my attention.

I am enclosing a few blank forms which may be used by you in forwarding these deposits to the Mint.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 14, 1931.

Mr. M. L. Caywood,
Mayer, Ariz.

Sir:

Several days ago I received a consignment bearing your name on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto. As no deposits are entered for treatment without a letter of advice, I have to request that you advise me promptly concerning your shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 14, 1931.

Mr. Harry McKellar,
P. O. Box 175,
Lamar, Colo.

Sir:

Answering your note of the 12th inst., I have to advise that placer gold should have practically all sand removed before being forwarded to the Mint - such deposits are received in lots of not less than two full Troy ounces and should be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 14, 1931.


Mr. Charles C. Snider,
Box 504,
Salmon, Ida.

Sir:

Answering your note of the 9th inst., I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits of placer gold in minimum lots of two ounces and manufactured gold in lots of not less than \$100 in value and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

All consignments should be forwarded by insured parcel post, registered mail or by railway express, as the shipper may prefer; each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

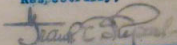
October 14, 1931.

Mr. Max Hirsch,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Sir:

Referring to your notation on my letter to you of the 10th inst. in which you state you are forwarding three ounces of dental scrap by registered mail for addition to your consignment at this institution, which has been rejected owing to its insufficient value, I have to advise that your deposit cannot be re-entered for treatment until the \$1.00 melting charges already incurred have been paid, as stated in my letter to you above referred to. Upon receipt of a money order for \$1.00 in payment of these charges, I will combine your two shipments and proceed to treat same.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

H-B

October 14, 1931

Mr. C. M. Bowen
120 E. 5th Street
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of recent date which you state weighs $26\frac{1}{2}$ Troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 25.77 Troy ounces.

Please advise if this latter weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:Mc

October 15, 1931

Mr. C. J. Ewert
829 - Union Block
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, relative to the charges imposed on your deposit at this Mint, I have to advise that the 1¢ charge for base metal content applies only on deposits having a base metal content up to 50 thousandths, while your deposit contained 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths on which the charge is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce or fraction.

I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges for your future use in computing the charges imposed on your consignments and by means of which you can readily check the charges which you have questioned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:llc

October 16, 1933.


Mr. Kneland C. Tanner,
Walker Bank Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise that I am not familiar with just what localities would be included in the Henry Mountains mining district of the State of Utah, but have to advise that no deposits have been received from Utah during the past several months, except a very small consignment from W. J. Starley at Delta.

No deposits whatever have been received from the Crescent Mining Company.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

M-B

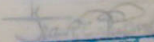
October 16, 1931.

Mrs. J. M. Stewart,
Route 4,
Marlow, Okla.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing specimens. Such work can be done for you by the United States assay office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper, \$2.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount payable to that office to accompany your samples.

Respectfully.


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

R-B

October 16, 1931.


Mr. Ira D. Spangler,
Hillsboro, N. M.

Sir:

Referring to your consignment of the 12th instant for account of Spangler Bros., which you state weighs 4 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here this shipment weighs but 3.48 Troy ounces, and before I proceed to treat this deposit have to request that you advise me if the Mint weight is satisfactory to you.

Please find enclosed letter which was evidently sent to the Mint by mistake.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

E-B

October 16, 1931

Mr. W. A. Dutton
1016 - W. Euclid Avenue
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant,
I have to advise you that the Government does not deal
in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and I am there-
fore unable to give you any information bearing on the
piece described in your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:MS

October 15, 1931

Co-Operative Finance Industrial Bank
449-450 Gas & Electric Building
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Mr. Eick

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant, in the matter of Ernest Powell, an employe of this institution, I have to advise that Powell's Father died yesterday about mid-day and under the circumstances I do not want to start to bring any pressure upon him at this time other than to urge him to see you and to make such arrangements as appear possible to liquidate his indebtedness as soon as possible. I feel you will concur with me in this and should he fail after a reasonable time to pay his obligation, I will adopt such measures as seem proper in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CF:100

October 16, 1931

Mrs. Ethel Ethelich
General Delivery
Carbondale, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant,
I have to advise you that the Government does not deal in
old coins nor pay a premium thereon and I am therefore
unable to give you any information bearing on the piece
described in your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:10

October 16, 1931

Poe, Lundy & Morgan, Attys. at Law,
1306-1310 Hunt Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, I have to state that if your client wishes to make a deposit of placer gold or gold in its natural state, the Mint will accept consignments of not less than 2 full troy ounces. If he wishes to deposit dental gold, jewelry scrap or fabricated gold of any kind deposits must have a minimum value of \$100. and a precious metal content of at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit, a circular being enclosed herewith regarding consignments of this kind.

All shipments of whatever nature must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:ND


October 16, 1901

Mrs. A. M. Huddleston,
3905 - Montrose Blvd.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant,
please be advised that your consignment to this institution
will be returned you in accordance with your request upon
receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, the Mint
having no fund from which such expense may be met.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OF:Mc

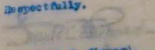
October 16, 1931

Mr. Joseph Smith
1434 - Glenasm Street
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the 7.65 Troy ounces of grains deposited by you on this date at the Mint, please be advised that as you are not known at the Mint and apparently have no lease on the mining claim from which this gold has been obtained, you should present some references concerning yourself and proper ~~circum-~~stials covering your title thereto in order that you may guarantee title to the United States. You of course understand this request is in the interest of those doing legitimate mining and for the protection of mine owners as well as recognizing the laws of this State pertaining to such operations.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mo

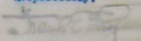
October 16, 1931

The Bank of Douglas
Douglas
Arizona.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 13th instant,
your deposit at this institution No. 4438 has been returned
you this day by Railway Express, charges collect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 17, 1931

Mrs. A. B. Fields
429 - East San Rafael
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I have to state that the Mint could not restamp the \$20 gold piece in your possession nor would it be proper for you to pass this coin as such since in converting it into a medal, some of the gold has undoubtedly been removed therefrom. If it still bears evidence of having formerly been a U. S. \$20 gold piece, it may be forwarded here as a mutilated coin and you will be reimbursed for whatever its pure gold content may be found to be, payment being made you by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:ko

October 16, 1931

Mr. A. W. Siegel
227 - W. 3rd Street
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your deposit of the 14th instant, has been melted and assayed and found to contain an excess of the base metals and therefore has been rejected and \$1.00 melting charges imposed which you will please send me at your earliest convenience.

Hereafter in forwarding filled material to the Mint it should be accompanied by at least $1/4$ of its weight with high grade silver to offset the large amount of base metal such material contains.

If you desire to reenter your bar as a deposit, please send approximately 15 ounces of sterling silver to render it of proper fineness to be accepted by the Mint. The charges hereinabove mentioned, however, must be paid before your bar can be accepted as a new deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OW:MS

October 17, 1931

R. W. Hunter Piano Company
Durango
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 16th instant, I have to state that the Mint does not sell silver. Although it is not the policy of the Government to recommend any outside dealers, you may perhaps be able to obtain bar silver from Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, or information from him where it may be obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:Mc

October 17, 1931

Mr. Paul A. F. Walter
First National Bank
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover your small consignment to this institution has been returned you by registered mail as requested by you, and you will find herewith six cents in stamps, the balance due you after paying the necessary charges on your package.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:MC

October 17, 1931

Mr. Leo A. Henter
Wheat Basin
Montana.

Dear Sir:

The samples forwarded by you with your letter of the 15th instant, appear to be pyrite or sulphide of iron and therefore of no value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your samples will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 19, 1931

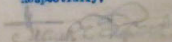
Mr. Ben Stanton Crow
205 - W. 10th Street
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of the 17th instant, which you state in your letter of that date weighs 20 ounces and 10 pwts, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold bullion weighs 12.06 Troy ounces, and consists of 2 bars and some scrap.

Owing to this discrepancy in weight I am holding your deposit without treatment and have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:MK

October 19, 1931

Mr. Charles Hopkins
512 - Melrose Court
Clinton, Iowa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. R. W. Stewart in which he advises me of your dissatisfaction with the returns made you by Burlingame & Parker on the small consignment turned over to them by this institution for your account. Mr. Stewart enclosed the settlement sheet pertaining to this deposit and it is evident that their charges of 75 cents were deducted from the fine ounces instead of the gold value. I called Burlingame & Parker's attention to this apparent error and they have advised me that they will forward you immediately a check for \$8.50, which would be the difference between the amount which you should have been paid and what you have already received, their clerk having inadvertently erred in the matter.

Trusting this will now be satisfactory to you and assuring you of my willingness to co-operate in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

All papers returned.

CS:MS

October 19, 1931

Mr. Otto Schmidt
908 - Franklin
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Answering your note of the 19th instant, with reference to the settlement made you on your recent deposit at this institution, our number 880, please be advised that the charges thereon, amounting to \$2.78, are made up of the following items: \$1.00 for melting, and as a homogeneous assay could not be obtained, it was necessary to remelt this consignment for which an additional dollar had to be charged; the parting and refining charges consisted of 77 cents, and alloy charge of one cent, or a total of \$2.78. It is not often that deposits have to be melted a second time but as this metal contained considerable base the assays varied to such an extent that a remelt was necessary in order to obtain concordant assays.

Trusting this will satisfactorily explain the apparent excess charges applying on this deposit, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OK:Mo

Papers returned.

October 20, 1931

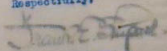
Erken-Van Zandt Jewelry Mfg. Co.,
118¹/₂ North Eighth Street
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 16th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 5.03 Troy ounces, I have to state that all such deposits must have a value of \$100 to be accepted for purchase. I estimate that your material will require the addition of about \$30 in gold to render it acceptable for purchase.

Kindly give this matter your prompt attention and oblige.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 20, 1931

Mrs. Rex Shanley
Statist, Chelan County
Washington.

Dear Madam:

As the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing samples, I would suggest that you send your specimens to the U. S. Assay Office Salt Lake City, Utah, its charges being \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mo

October 19, 1931

Mrs. E. C. Hoagland
1160 - Dehrman Street
McKees Rocks, Penna.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 17th instant, I have to state that all one cent bronze pieces of 1922 coinage were put into circulation and none may now be had at the Mint, nor am I advised where you may be able to obtain any at the present time. Your dime is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

-Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mo

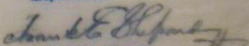
October 20, 1931

Mr. J. H. Hoffman
132 E. 7th Street
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of the 19th, instant, I have to state that upon receipt here your two buttons of gold weigh 1.83 Troy ounces. The least amount accepted for purchase is 2 full Troy ounces and your deposit cannot therefore be entered for purchase. If you can send enough additional gold to bring your deposit up to the required amount, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise, please send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OK:Mc

October 21, 1931

Mr. Lincoln Ebbom
c/o Mr. Emery Morris
Ridgeway, Colorado.

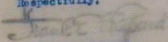
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter and consignment under date of the 19th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not accept deposits of amalgam, and it will be necessary for you to have all mercury driven off before your gold can be accepted for purchase.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your bottles will be returned you or they will be forwarded by express collect if you so wish.

All consignments to the Mint should be addressed to U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, and be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OR:Mc


October 21, 1901

F. M. Smith & Son
Holyoke
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, please find a circular herewith which will give you full information regarding deposits at the Mint. You will note that consignments must have at least \$100. in value and contain not less than one fifth of their weight in gold and silver. Shipments may be forwarded direct to this Mint, each one to be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 21, 1931

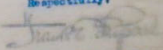
Mr. George Cartrell
P. O. Box # 153
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

The piece of metal forwarded by you on the 19th does not appear by acid test to contain any gold but is apparently brass, and therefore of no value.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your metal will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard.
Superintendent.

CHS:10

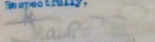
October 21, 1931

Mrs. J. D. Nickeson
117 - West G. Street
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 17th instant. I have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and I am therefore unable to supply you with any information on the subject.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 21, 1931

Guthrie Cotton Oil Company
Kellyville
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

The Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing sand and I would suggest that you send a sample of your sand to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, its charges being \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you have forwarded here, please forward the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Off:Mc

October 21, 1931

The Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Company
1416 - Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your voucher
check No. 11174 in amount \$1.63 covering commission on
collection from telephone booth Main 9972 and cash re-
mittance of 38 cents commission on collection from tel-
ephone booth Keystone 9725, both for the period Sept.
25th to October 15, 1931.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 21, 1931

Mr. James Gooldy
First National Bank
Craig, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your consignment weighing upon receipt here 3.23 Troy ounces, I have to advise that owing to the large amount of amalgam contained, its gold content will probably be under 2 ounces which is the least amount accepted for purchase and you are requested to send some more gold to be added to this shipment in order that it will have the required weight.

You are also advised that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment without a letter of advice, no letter having been received with this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Wills

October 22, 1931

Mr. Floyd Ellis
P. O. Box # 36
Ancho, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, the Mint will purchase placer gold in lots as small as 2 Troy ounces, but no deposits under that weight are accepted. All other gold, such as manufactured articles are only purchased in lots containing at least \$100. and where the precious metal content is equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the deposit. All deposits must be accompanied by a letter of advice and if mining gold the name of the mine, its location and relation of the depositor thereto must be stated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:Mc

October 22, 1931

Mrs. Maude Baker
120 - East 5th
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 20th instant, I
have to state the Mint never recalls any of its coinage
nor deals in old coins in any way.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard.
Superintendent.

OFH:Mc

October 22, 1931

Mr. W. A. Smith
4030 - Clarendon Avenue
Apartment # 18
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Gold bullion may be deposited at the Mint in lots having a value of not less than \$100. provided it contains at least one fifth of its weight in gold and silver. Depositors must state the source from which the bullion has been obtained, except where such bullion consists of dental scrap and old jewelry, and accompany each deposit with a letter of advice. The Mint does not deal in old coins as such nor pay a premium thereon. Minted gold and silver coins of the United States and foreign coins are paid for at their bullion value only. Minted nickel and bronze coins of the United States are purchased in pound lots only and are paid for at the rate of 15 and 14 cents, respectively, per pound.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHAS

October 22, 1931.

Mr. J. Hoffman
132 - East 7th Street
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your additional shipment under date of the 21st instant, I have to advise that it weighs upon receipt here 66/100 of a Troy ounce instead of 1 ounce and 5 ppts as stated by you.

Please state if the Mint weight is satisfactory to you and also fill out the enclosed card and return to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean H. H. Day
Acting Superintendent.

CHM:MO

October 23, 1931

Mr. Chas. H. Edmondson
Mercantile Bank Building
Cananea, Son., Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, please
be advised that it is no longer necessary to furnish affi-
davits covering your deposits of Mexican gold at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Ben Linnick
Acting Superintendent.

OH:Mc

October 23, 1931.

Wilson & Chambers
Lake City
Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, please be advised that payment for your deposit at this institution was mailed you on October 7th and the same morning's mail was returned to the Mint. I am now enclosing it herewith and trust you will receive this letter promptly.

Regretting that you have had to wait so long for your money and hoping you have not been inconvenienced thereby, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Ben Hinchey
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Ho

October 23, 1931

Mr. W. E. Duto
547 - Kalamath Street
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to state that the Mint is now accepting for purchase placer gold in amounts as small as 2 Troy -----, but no deposits under that weight are accepted. The Mint has no pamphlets containing instructions regarding placer deposits, but your gold should be as free as possible of sand or other foreign substances. No deposits of amalgam are accepted. Deposits should be accompanied by a letter of advice.

If you desire, I should be glad to have you call at the Mint and ask for the Superintendent or Chief Clerk and any further details you may wish will be given you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Kinich
Acting Superintendent.

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October 23, 1931

Miss Jean Flack
1100 - Clarkson Street
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Miss Flack:

Replying to your note of the 19th instant.
please be advised that the bank does not deal in old coins
in any manner nor have I any information on the subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Kinich
Acting Superintendent.

OH:MC

October 23, 1931

Mr. Chas. A. Morton
Salmon
Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your deposit of the 20th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 5.54 Troy ounces, I have to advise that deposits to be accepted for purchase must have a value of at least \$100 and it is not believed your material will contain that value. You are therefore requested to send enough additional gold to bring your consignment up to the above value before it may be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Minichay
Acting Superintendent.

CHallo

October 23, 1931

Mr. Floss Brady
Havens
Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 20th instant, I have to state that the Mint does not make assays of ore. I would suggest that you send ~~your samples~~ to the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, its charges being \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don H. Shaw
Acting Superintendent.

OH:Mc

October 23, 1931

Mr. R. A. Swabes
Atlantic City
Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment of the 17th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.04 Troy ounces. I regret to say I cannot accept it for purchase as 2 full Troy ounces is the very least accepted for purchase.

If you can send another ounce to be added to this lot I would be glad to buy your gold, but if it is inconvenient for you to do this, your shipment will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Minichay
Acting Superintendent.

OK:Mo

October 23, 1931

Mr. William Conliffe
Leadville
Colorado.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date but have not yet received from you a return or advice pertaining thereto which is necessary before your shipment may be entered for treatment.

Please advise me promptly and state the source from which your gold has been obtained.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Ben Hinchey
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 23, 1931

Schwartz Brothers
513 - Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date but have not yet received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto which is necessary before your shipment may be entered for treatment.

Please advise me promptly and oblige.

Respectfully

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent.

OH:260

October 23, 1931

Drs. Mack & Mack
311-315 Paxton Block
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits of dental scrap and filings when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100 and where the precious content is equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the mass.... Payment is made for the gold and silver content only, and no allowance or return of any other metals made depositor. Sweeps are not accepted owing to the large amount of waste usually included.

Fillings should have all foreign substances removed as far as it may be possible to do so. I am enclosing a circular pertaining to deposits at the Mint which I would suggest you read carefully. Shipments should be made by insured parcel post or express, transportation charges prepaid, and in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice. Consignments may be made as frequently as desired provided they comply with all the Mint's requirements.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Kimball
Acting Superintendent.

OH:Mo

October 24, 1931

Mr. C. V. Nordgren
P. O. Box #580
Telluride, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of bullion under date of the 23rd instant, and which has not yet been delivered to the Mint. I have to request that you will kindly send me a statement certifying over your signature that this bullion was produced from the Fairview Mine of which you are the owner and that you guarantee title to this bullion to the United States Mint.

Your prompt compliance with this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don Brundage
Acting Superintendent.

CHS:bb

October 26, 1931.

Mr. J. Hoffman,
132 East 7th St.,
Salida, Colo.

Sir:


With reference to your two small consignments at the Mint, I note that they consist of old material of which no deposits are accepted having a value of less than \$100, placer gold only being accepted in lots as small as two Troy ounces.

Under the above conditions I regret to say the Mint cannot purchase your small amount of gold and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By


Acting Superintendent.

H-B

October 26, 1931,

Mr. Harry A. Aickelin,
209 Poplar Grove,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing 25¢ in coin for which you desire its equivalent in 1¢ bronze pieces of 1922, ~~and~~ and in reply have to ~~advise you that~~ the entire stock of these coins has long since been distributed and I am unable to advise you where any of them may be obtained at this time, unless from some coin collector.

I am returning herewith your 25¢ in coin and regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By D. C. Kinich
Acting Superintendent.

H-B

October 26, 1931.

Mr. O. K. Anderson,
2315 West 29th St.,
Capitol Hill,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sir:

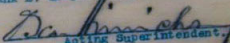
With reference to your letter of the 24th inst., I am enclosing a circular giving full instructions regarding the receipt of deposits at the Mint which I presume is the information you desire.

If you desire to make a deposit of some placer gold, the Mint accepts such consignments having a weight of not less than two ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By


Acting Superintendent.

H-B

October 26th, 1931.

Mr. Paul E. Crabb,
Healdsburg, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your note of the 21st inst., I have to advise that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing ores nor has the Mint any literature for distribution which would give instructions for doing such work. If you desire assays made by the Government, I would advise that you send samples to the United States Assay office at Salt Lake City, Utah, which could do this work for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead \$2.00 for copper, \$2.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you wish to make these determinations yourself, I have no doubt you can get full instructions from any reliable encyclopaedia or perhaps you could get some text books from your local library on assaying.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By 
Acting Superintendent.

October 26, 1931.

Mr. W. H. Harlan,
Madison, Kansas.

Sir:

Referring to your postal card of the 24th inst. I have to advise that the Mint will purchase placer gold when sent in lots of not less than two full Troy ounces, no deposits under that weight being accepted for purchase. If you should send your gold to the Mint, please ~~send~~ with letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent.

H-B

October 26, 1931.

Miss Alma Lien,
Brockton, Mont.

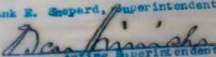
Dear Madam:

Replying to your note of 21st inst., please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I regret therefore that I am unable to send you any information on the subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By


Acting Superintendent.

H-B

October 26th, 1931.

Mr. W. H. Sisson,
1742 Walnut St.,
Boulder, Colo.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23d inst. I have to advise that no deposits have been received at this institution from G. L. Stanley or Richard T. Wilson from the Fuzzler group of mines at Ward, Boulder County, Colorado, since July 1st.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent.

H-2

October 26, 1931.

Mr. Leo A. Henter,
Wheat Basin,
Montana.

Sir:

As requested in your notation on my letter to you of the 17th inst. I returned you on the next inst. the samples forwarded by you to this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don Hinch
Acting Superintendent

H-B

October 26, 1931.

Mrs Della K. McHutt
Noble
Colorado.

Dear Madams:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that no gold coins of the denominations mentioned by you have been coined by the United States except the ~~one dollar~~ ^{one dollar} coins, the coinage of which was discontinued in 1890. I am not aware of any law prohibiting the use of gold coins of the United States as mentioned by you provided you do not thereafter make any attempt to pass them as money, which would be a violation of the statutes of the United States involving severe penalties.

I am unable to supply you with any information as to the value of the coins referred to as the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and your description of them is entirely too meager to form any opinion regarding them, nor can I furnish you with the names of any reliable dealers in such objects.

Regretting my inability to be of assistance to you.

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Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.



Jean M. ...
Acting Superintendent.

October 26, 1931

Mr. V. A. Corbett
18 - 8th Street N.W.
Minot, North Dakota.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd has been received and in reply I have to advise that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing samples. Such work can be made at the U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.00 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples forwarded here, please send the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Ben Minichay
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 26, 1931.

Mr. Fred Swartz
R. F. D. #2
Trenton, Nebraska.

Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of mineral bearing ore. If you ~~want to~~ ^{submit} ~~submit~~ gold bullion, the Mint will accept same where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, and will pay you \$20.67 for each Troy ounce of pure gold contained, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge. If your material consists of fabricated or manufactured articles, no deposits are received for purchase having a value under \$100. - but if native mined gold, consignments having a weight as small as two Troy ounces of gold will be accepted for purchase, but none under that weight. Please state the source from which your gold has been obtained if of the latter character.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don Hinrichs
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 26, 1931

General Ceramic Company
71 - West 35th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Attention - Mr. K. J. Peters
Chemical Stoneware Div.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, Mr. Wager advises me that he could not use a "corosit" tank of the dimensions given in your letter.

I also have to advise that all purchases are made on a competitive basis in response to invitations sent to at least three dealers, and the regulations would not therefore permit the purchase of any equipment or other supplies in the manner suggested by you in your letter of October 1st.

Mr. Wager and I appreciate your courtesy in the matter, however, and regret that we are unable to accept your offer.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don Kimbrough
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 26, 1931.

Mr. A. H. Holm
c/o Peterson Hardware Company
Kennedy, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant,
I have to advise that the Mints do not deal in old coins in
any manner and I am therefore unable to supply you with any
information regarding the piece mentioned by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Benjamin
Acting Superintendent.

OH:126

October 26, 1931

Mr. A. J. Stansfield
56 - Orchard Street
Hackensack, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and enclosure from the Mint at Philadelphia, and in reply please be advised that it is not possible to obtain any one cent bronze coins of 1922 coinage from the Mint, and application for any other coins desired must be made to the Treasurer of the United States, at Washington, D. C., all as stated in your letter from the Mint at Philadelphia, herewith returned you.

Uncirculated one cent bronze pieces are now only obtainable for the calendar years 1930 and 1931, but as already stated, applications therefor must first be made to the Treasurer at Washington, D. C.

Your stamps are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Sam Hinchey
Acting Superintendent.

OH:Mc

October 27th, 1931

Mr. F. L. Smith, Secretary
Ibex Mining Company
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, pertinent to the Ernest Smith deposit at the Mint with copy of letter of same date to the Hon. W. C. Clegg, who on yesterday delivered to me the affidavits of John Fitte and Geo. E. Barricoot which you secured from said parties.

I desire to thank you for your promptness in obtaining these affidavits and to assure you the Mint is desirous at all times to cooperate with legitimate mining operators in every way within its limits to stop the nefarious trade of high grading not only in Colorado but in any other State from which deposits may be received at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Kimich
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 27, 1931

Donnie Company
521-22 - Dooly Building
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment of the 26th instant, consisting of 4 pieces of gold bullion one of which is a small slab 3" long about 1/4" thick and 3/4" wide and another a slab of approximately the same size broken in half. I have to advise that the Mint has been advised that three pieces of gold bullion of this description have recently been stolen from an messenger's office in your city. Will you therefore kindly advise me from where you obtained these three pieces of gold and of any other information you may have pertinent thereto in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Barth H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent.

OM:110

October 27, 1931

Heizberg's Diamond Shop
Schweiter Building
Wichita, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your deposit of the 23rd instant, which you state weighs about 320 gms. (which would equal 16.00 Troy ounces), I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 14.92 Troy ounces and before proceeding to treat it I would appreciate your advising me if the Mint weight is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Minnick
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mo

October 27, 1951

First Savings Bank & Trust Company
Albuquerque
New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter and deposit under date of the 23rd instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 6.44 Troy ounces, I have to advise that consignments of jewelry scrap to be acceptable for purchase must contain a minimum value of \$100.00, while it does not appear your material will closely approximate. I would suggest that you send at least \$35.00 in similar material to be added to this shipment in order that it will have the required value. If this is not convenient, your gold will be returned upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Dean Minich
Acting Superintendent.

OR:16

October 27, 1931

Mr. A. W. Siegel
227 - West 3rd Street
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing \$1.00 in currency to pay the charges on your rejected deposit at the Mint, I have to advise the metal forwarded by you for addition to said deposit, does not appear to be sufficient to raise its fineness to the required amount, a total of at least 15 ounces of high grade silver or gold being necessary. The weights of the additional material forwarded by you are as follows: Gold 2.51 Troy ounces, silver 9.98 Troy ounces, total 12.49 Troy ounces, the silver not being very high grade.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Don W. H. Long
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 27, 1931

Mr. T. C. Loving
P. O. Box #69
Darrrouseitt, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and package of the 21st instant, and have to advise that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing rock or sand. Your material appears to be simply white and black sand with no precious metal content, but if you wish an assay made of it, I would suggest you send a sample to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, its charges being \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

The sample which you have forwarded here will be returned you if you will promptly send me the necessary postage and insurance. Otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent.

To

Dean H. Hinchey
Acting Superintendent.

October 27, 1931

F. J. Gilbert Company
216-18 - Harries Building
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that no deposits have been received at the Mint within recent months in the name of the Summit Mining Company or from any other source which would appear to have any relation to said Company.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

By

Benjamin She
Acting Superintendent.

CH:Mo

October 28, 1931.

Mr. Howland E. Goddard
Local Secret Service Operative
Post Office Building
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a counterfeit coin received today from Mr. C. A. Van Dorn, President of the First National Bank at Craig, Colorado, with copy of his letter of transmittal.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OW:ko

October 20, 1931

Miss Natalie Drayton
25 - Smith Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Miss:

I have your letter of the 21st instant, and regret to say I am unable to send you any pamphlets or pictures relative to the coinage of our money as the Government does not have any such matter for distribution.

I am enclosing, however, a copy of a short talk I recently made over the radio which may be of some interest to you in this respect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:bb

October 26, 1931

Mr. C. A. Van Dorn
President, The First National Bank
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, enclosing a purported \$1.00 coin and have to advise that an examination of this piece disclosed that it is a counterfeit and under the regulations it has been handed to the Local Secret Service Operative in this city for acknowledgment and such other action as may appear proper in the premises.

Thanking you for sending this piece to me, I am.

Respectfully,

Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent.

ON:116

October 26, 1931.

Mr. Chas. W. Jordan
Leadville
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of the 26th instant, and your request that the Mint deduct 25% from the returns and pay same to D. P. Rohlfing, please be advised that only one check may be issued in payment of a deposit, under which conditions I regret your request cannot be complied with.

I can therefore only enter your deposit with instructions to make payment in full to you and have to request that you will advise me promptly if this will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHS:ko

October 28, 1931

Mr. A. J. Herman
2713 - Montana Avenue
Billings, Montana.

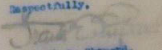
Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to advise the Mint will accept deposits consisting of gold rings watch-cases, etc., when sent in lots having a value of at least \$100. and where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

A melting charge is imposed for the first 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10 cents for each additional 100 ounces or fraction. I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject, and you will please note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

The U. S. Assay Offices at Helena, Montana, will receive your consignments under the same conditions if you prefer to send them to that institution.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:10

October 28, 1931

Mr. J. Hoffman,
132 - East 7th Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In view of the statements contained in your letter of the 27th instant, your deposit has been entered as placer gold and the stamps forwarded by you are herewith returned.

Check in payment of your deposit will be mailed you in the next few days.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OF:Mc

October 28, 1931

Mr. W. H. Sisson
1742 - Walnut Street
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 27th instant, please refer to my letter to you of the 26th instant, and you will see that I stated nothing had been received from G. L. Stanley or Richard T. Wilson since July 1st, as you requested to be advised if any deposits had been received from them during the past three months. I did not mean to convey the impression that a deposit had been received from them on that date as you quote me as stating.

The Mint does not keep a ledger of deposits at the mint and to supply information relative thereto it is necessary to examine our daily register from day to day and this was done in your case back until July 1st, during which period no deposits had been received from the parties mentioned.

The regulations do not permit me to divulge information as to the weight, fineness or value of deposits except upon written authority of the depositor and if you will obtain such authority from your lessees, I will be glad to comply with your request. I would suggest that you also have them authorize me to send you a duplicate settlement sheet of any deposits they may consign to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Special Superintendent.

October 28, 1931

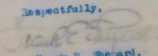
Chain O'Mines Inc.,
Denver,
Colorado.

Attention: Mr. Sweet

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment which I understand you intend delivering to the Mint today or tomorrow, please be advised that it will be necessary for you to state if all the bullion deposit has been produced by the Chain O'Mines Inc., or if part or all of same is custom bullion. If of the latter kind, the Mint cannot accept such bullion until investigation as to its source of production has been made.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard,
Superintendent.

OW:Mc

October 29, 1931

Mr. George F. Hirt
927 - Main Street
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small bar of bullion and have not received the customary letter of advice covering this deposit which the regulations require before consignments may be entered on our books and paid for.

If you have any doubts as to this bullion containing a value of \$100. I would suggest you send a small amount of gold to be added thereto as that is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard.
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 29, 1931

Mr. C. V. Eordgreen
Telluride
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your consignment to this Institution under date of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that I am in receipt of notice of even date from Irving Grimes, an officer of the Denver Metal & Machinery Company of this city laying claim to said bullion on the ground that it has been obtained without authority from their property known as the Grandeur Union Mining Company at Telluride, Colorado.

As the Mint does not wish to become involved in a dispute as to the rightful ownership of this bullion or to accept deposits concerning which there is any question as to title, I have decided to reject your deposit, and am holding same subject to your further order and have to request that you will promptly advise us what disposition you desire made of your consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard,
Superintendent.

W:llh

October 29, 1931

Mr. Fred Smith
R. F. D.
Fronton, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant, I have to say that it is not necessary that your gold be forwarded to the Mint in the form of bars, but before making a shipment of a large amount of your gold grains, I would suggest you send a sample of 4 or 5 ounces here for examination as to its suitability as a deposit at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OU:Mo

October 23, 1931

The American National Bank
Cheyenne
Wyoming.

Attention: Mr. Wagoner

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23th instant, the Mint will assay gold bullion at a charge of \$4.00 for gold and silver, each sample.

If your client desires to sell his nuggets the Mint will purchase same in lots of not less than ~~a~~ ^{one} ounces, charging \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge, provided it is virgin gold, that is not gold which has been fabricated or manufactured into articles, and pay for the full pure gold content less such charges.

Respectfully,

From: E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:Mo

October 30, 1931

Mr. Robert H. Deering
25 - Evans Street
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of recent date, I have to advise that during the current calendar year the Mint has manufactured thus far only one cent bronze and dime coins, application for which must, as usual, be made to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

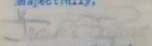
October 30, 1931

Mr. Chas. R. Moyer
Good Spring
Penna.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 26th instant,
please be advised the Mints have not coined any \$1.00
gold pieces since 1890 when the Act authorizing their
coinage was repealed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

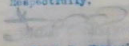
October 30, 1931

Mrs. Jason Hall
Crestone
Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
and I am therefore unable to give you any information re-
garding the piece you mention or to refer you to any reli-
able dealer in such articles.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:Mc

October 30, 1931

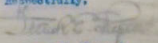
Mr. E. E. Gratcher
1122 - Robertson Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 27th instant, and regret to say that your material appears to be blued metal and therefore of no value.

If you desire the return of this metal, please send the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard,
Superintendent.

OE:Ho

October 30, 1931

Mr. V. B. Russell
Russell's Jewelry
Atlan, Oklahoma.

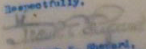
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 22nd, please be advised that while the Mint purchases scrap gold, the minimum value accepted is \$100, which it does not appear your consignment will have nor that it will contain a minimum of 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000, which is also required.

I have therefore to request that you forward sufficient gold to insure that your deposit will have a value of not less than \$100, and 8 ounces of sterling silver to increase its fineness to the proper amount.

I am enclosing a circular relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which no doubt will be of assistance to you in this respect.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:ED

October 30, 1931

Superintendent
United States Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.

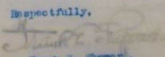
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date as follows:

"Bureau approves forwarding to us immediately all double eagle segment collars. Will return later."

In accordance therewith, I have forwarded you this day by registered mail two double eagle segment collars, one of which has been used, these being all I have on hand.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CH:MS

October 31, 1931

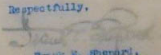
Mr. Sam Monizer
Poppy Gulch Mining Camp
McCoy, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

No consignments are entered on our books for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice and your shipment is therefore being held pending the receipt of a letter from you.

Owing to the large amount of foreign matter contained in your material, I have also to request that you will send some additional gold to go with your two lots in order that your deposit will contain 2 Troy ounces of gold which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OH:Mc

October 31, 1931

Mr. Alfred Albrecht
Route #3
McCook, Nebraska.

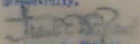
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant, I have to state your sample does not appear to contain any values in the precious metals nor does the Mint accept deposits of ore even though some gold or silver may be contained therein or make analyses of such material.

The U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, will make an analyses of your sample if you desire to go to that expense at the following rates: \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$2.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample.

If you wish that the sample you have forwarded here be returned you, please send me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank D. Woodard,
Superintendent.

October 31, 1931

Mr. H. W. Kroeper
408 - So. Elm Street
Hatchinson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

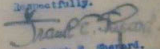
Your sample and letter of recent date enclosing \$1.00 in currency to pay for complete analyses of said sample have been received, and in reply I have to advise that the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing samples.

The U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, does such work, however, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold, \$1.00 for silver, \$1.50 for lead, \$2.00 for copper and \$5.00 for zinc, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you wish that the sample you have forwarded here be returned you, please send us the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Your \$1.00 in currency is herewith returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

Off:22a


October 31, 1931

Mr. William Hanks
Soldiers Grove
Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th instant, and accompanying nugget which weighs upon receipt here 46/100 of a Troy ounce, please be advised that 2 full Troy ounces of mining gold is the very least accepted for purchase. I shall be glad if you can send the additional quantity necessary to bring your consignment up to that amount, but if you are unable to do this, your nugget will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OK:Mc

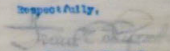
October 31, 1901

Thorp & Company
509 - 4th Street
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 29th instant, I regret to inform you that I am unable to supply you with any information in respect to brokers who deal in silver in the manner outlined in your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

CHLH

October 31, 1931

Norman Jewelry Company
200 - Pierce Street
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

No consignments are entered on our books for
treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of
advice and your shipment is therefore being held pending
the receipt of a letter from you, which I have to request
you will send me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard,
Superintendent.

OS:Mo.

November 2, 1931

Mr. S. O. Potterff, Receiver,
The First National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, please be advised that the 12,488 pesos Mexican gold coin may be forwarded to the Mint for purchase if accompanied by a statement certifying that this gold has been acquired over the counter in the usual course of business from various and sundry individuals and corporations residing within the United States and that the bank will guarantee title thereto to the United States Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 2, 1931

Jostan Manufacturing Company,
Owatonna, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo, I have to advise that upon receipt here this shipment contains three buttons having a total weight of 159.33 troy ounces instead of about 172 ounces as invoiced by you. As this is a considerable discrepancy in weight, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 2, 1931

Mr. A. C. Parsons,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that all consignments to the Mint of manufactured gold must contain a value of not less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

If your shipment will contain a considerable proportion of filled ware, I would suggest that you add thereto enough sterling silver to insure that your material will contain the proper amount of the precious metals as you are no doubt aware that filled scrap contains very little gold.

I am enclosing a circular which will probably be of some assistance to you in making up your consignment to the Mint and any consignments which may be received from you complying with the requirements of the Mint will have prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

November 2, 1931

Mr. Frank E. MacMurtrie,
504 North Highland Avenue,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your note of the 29th ultimo,
I have to advise that you have been advised regarding
the Mint having any silver for sale - this institution
not selling that metal in any form.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 2, 1931

Mr. Ralph Bray,
Honning, Oklahoma. Star R - A

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note enclosing some gold crowns and one piece of scrap gold, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept such material in lots having a value under \$100.00 and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 2, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day on Government E/L T-123487 of the small scale parts forwarded you on June 23rd, last, for chromium plating at your institution, and I desire to express my appreciation of your courtesy in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 2, 1931

Mrs. Madeline Baker,
318 North 4th Street,
Seminole, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing money order for \$5.00 for which you desire one-half ounce of pure platinum and have to advise that the Mint does not deal in that metal and your money order is therefore returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

November 2, 1931

Mr. Edgar W. Duncan,
Buckeye, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your notation on the back of my letter to you, I have to advise that if you have some placer gold the Mint will buy same in lots as small as two ounces but no deposits under that weight are accepted for purchase.

As you were previously advised, deposits of manufactured gold are bought only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 3, 1931

Polson Jewelry Company,
1027 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your consignment weighing upon receipt here 5.06 troy ounces and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of this nature when the value contained therein is less than \$100. I would therefore suggest that you send enough additional gold to be included in this shipment in order that its minimum value will comply with the requirements of the Mint.

I also have to advise that no deposits are entered for treatment and purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice and under these conditions it will be necessary for you to write me a letter covering this shipment before it may be purchased.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Awaiting your further advice in this matter.

I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 3, 1931

Mr. V. A. Corbett,
Minot, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 29th ultimo, I have this day forwarded to the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, by insured mail, the sample of ore sent by you to this institution for assay, having used the postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	12¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned	3¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 3, 1931

Mr. A. C. Bothwell,
1114 East Routt Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of recent date and under separate cover your three silver knives, weighing upon receipt here 7.83 Troy ounces, and have to advise that the Mint is not in the market for the purchase of silver at the present time and no deposits of manufactured articles containing gold and silver are accepted when their value is less than \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your knives will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 3, 1931

Mrs. M. E. Strong,
Ward, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your consignment, which weighs upon receipt here 2.89 troy ounces, please be advised that a preliminary test of your material indicates that it is nearly all base metal and therefore contains very little gold. Under these conditions the Mint cannot accept your deposit - it being necessary that consignments contain at least 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your metal will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 4, 1931

Omaha Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
434 Sunderland Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the
3rd instant, please be advised that no shipments are en-
tered upon our books for treatment and purchase unless ac-
companied by a letter of advice. Upon receipt of such
advice from you, I will proceed to treat your consignment.

Please write me promptly in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 5, 1931

Mr. W. B. Russell,
Altus, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant, please find herewith the circular relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which was inadvertently omitted from my letter to you of the 30th ultimo.

As requested by you, your consignment of gold scrap will be returned you promptly by express, collect.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

November 5, 1931

Mrs. C. F. Smith,
Sibley, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of recent date, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase platinum at any time and at the present time is not in the market for silver. I am therefore unable to give you any assistance regarding the disposition of the metal in your possession.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OL:T

November 5, 1931

Miss Martha Johnson,
Bentleyville, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and therefore I am unable to supply you with any information as to where the coins mentioned in your letter may now be obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 5, 1931

Mr. H. S. Kroeper,
405 Elm Street,
Hutchison, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 2nd instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the piece
of metal forwarded by you to this institution for assay,
using the 16¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned	8¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 5, 1931

Mr. R. W. Siegel,
227 Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and have to advise that your rejected bar, together with your second and third shipments have been combined and entered as one deposit and payment will be forwarded you promptly.

As your second and third shipments were sufficient to put your consignment into proper shape, no further charges will be imposed other than those applying on accepted deposits and your \$1.00 in currency is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

November 6, 1951

Dr. E. M. Heffner,
529 Medical Arts Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your deposit of the 3rd instant consisting of five buttons with a total weight of 6.45 troy ounces and have to request that you will kindly advise me if this weight is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat same.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 6, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Complying with the request contained in your letter of the 3rd instant, I have to advise that the following fine ounces of gold and silver have been received at this institution from the states of California, Oregon and Nevada during the first ten months of the current calendar year:

	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>
California	55.482	13.12
Oregon	1.690	21.76
Nevada	53.564	21.57

No further deposits are anticipated from the above sources during the remainder of this year.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 6, 1931

Mr. Alfred Albrecht,
McCook, Nebraska. Route #3

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request for the return of the sample of ore forwarded by you to this institution for assay, please be advised that I have this returned this sample to you by insured mail, using the 75¢ inclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	10¢
Insurance	5¢
stamps returned herewith ...	60¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 6, 1931

Mr. Fred Swartz,
Trenton, Nebraska. R.F.D. 2

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of recent date, I have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, it appears to be only sand and therefore of no value and not acceptable at the Mint.

If you desire the return of this sand, please forward me the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 7, 1931


Mr. William Hanks,
Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 3rd instant, I have turned over your small consignment to this institution, weighing 40/100 of a troy ounce, to Mr. Carl Blau-rock, Mack Building, this city, for purchase, with instructions to make returns direct to you.

I regret that the Mint could not accept your consignment but the regulations do not permit the purchase of any deposits having a weight under two ounces.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T


November 7, 1931

Mr. Floyd Ellis,
Ancho, New Mexico. Box 36.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th instant and under separate cover your small consignment of gold which weighs upon receipt here 1.35 troy ounces. As no deposits are accepted having a weight under 2 ounces, I have to request that you will forward the additional material necessary to bring the weight of your deposit up to that amount. If this is not convenient, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 7, 1931

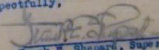
Mr. W. J. McClung, Cashier,
Renville County Bank,
Mohall, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and under separate cover your small consignment which weighs upon receipt here 1.02 troy ounces.

As no deposits are accepted having a weight under 2 ounces, I have to request that you will ask your customer to forward the additional material necessary to bring his deposit up to that amount. If this is not convenient this gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


November 7, 1931

Mr. Charles Bolmer,
Marstown, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment but am unable to enter it upon our books for treatment as the regulations prescribe that no deposits may be accepted for purchase unless accompanied by a letter of advice. Upon receipt of such a communication from you, I will proceed to treat your shipment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 9, 1931

Mrs. L. W. Smart,
Kisatchie, Louisiana,

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to the value of the five-cent nickel piece mentioned by you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 9, 1931

Emerson

Mr. E. W. Emerson, Assistant Cashier,
Conrad National Bank of Kalispell,
Kalispell, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 4th instant, which you state has a value of about \$850.00 in gold dust, please be advised that the three small bottles contain 9.39 troy ounces of gold dust and that the gross weight of your large bottle, which you indicate as having a weight of 20½ ounces, has a gross weight of only 18.85 troy ounces and a net content weight of 14.29 ounces.

Under the above conditions, the value of your shipment will likely approximate \$400.00 instead of \$850.00 as stated by you.

Before I proceed to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weights as received here with their approximate value are satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 9, 1931

Mr. Sam Morringer,
McCoy, Eagle County, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant and regret to say that in order to treat your amalgam it would be necessary to enter same on our books as a deposit and this I am unable to do as no deposits may be accepted for purchase having a gold content of less than two ounces. The Mint cannot therefore treat this material for you although I could turn it over to one of the local bullion dealers for treatment as suggested in the latter part of your letter.

In this connection I have to state that the Mint accepts no responsibility in respect to deposits turned over to outside dealers and such action is taken only as an accommodation to depositors. If you desire me to turn this material over to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, or Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, this city, please indicate the dealer to which you wish it delivered and authorize me to transfer your shipment to that party.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

November 9, 1931

Monack-Harger Company,
1022 K Street,
Sacramento, California.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 6th instant, I have to advise that while your material probably contains \$100.00 in value, the combined base metal content will likely exceed the minimum accepted in deposits - the regulations requiring that all deposits must contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

Included in your shipment you have 34.60 ounces in filled ware and 6.20 ounces in nickel and silveroid both of which items have a very large base metal content and to offset which, it will be necessary for you to send about 10 ounces in sterling silver in order that your deposit will meet the foregoing requirement.

I will hold your consignment without treatment and have to request that you will forward this silver at your earliest convenience.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of some assistance to you in preparing your deposits for shipment to the Mint and you will note that deposits are usually paid for on the third day after they are received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 9, 1931

Mr. Peter T. Grant,
Randsburg, California. P.O. Box 332

Dear Sir:

With reference to your shipment under date of the 4th instant, I have to advise that your consignment upon receipt here weighs 2.14 troy ounces, approximately one-third of which will consist of mercury.

As the minimum of two ounces accepted by the Mint must be gold, I have to request that you will send at least another ounce to go with this material in order that your consignment will contain the minimum amount of gold received for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent.

OH:T


November 9, 1931

Mr. W. H. Gray,
Ashland, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 5th instant containing three lots weighing respectively, 3.10, 3.59 and 2.87 troy ounces, I have to advise that it does not appear that the combination of these three lots will have a value of \$100. If this is found to be the case after your material has been treated, it will be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose such charges as have been incurred up to that time. To avoid this needless expense to you, I would suggest that you send, say, two ounces more of similar material to be added to these three lots to insure that your deposit will have the required value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 9, 1931

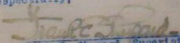
Mr. C. D. Lamaster,
Whitewood, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your note and shipment under date of the 6th instant, your grains weighing 68/100 of a troy ounce and the bottle 1.03 troy ounces.

I have added this lot to your previous shipment of 1.06 ounces which now gives you a total of 1.74 troy ounces and as you are still under the minimum amount received for purchase, I will hold these two lots until such time as you are able to send the necessary amount to bring the weight of your deposit up to at least two full ounces, which I trust you can do in the near future.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

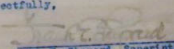
November 10, 1931

Arroyo State Bank,
Rio Hondo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant and accompanying consignment of one bar of gold which you state weighs approximately 13 ounces, Troy, please be advised that upon receipt here your bar weighs 9.54 ounces, Troy, and before proceeding to treat this gold, I would appreciate your advising me if the weight as ascertained here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 10, 1931

Polson Jewelry Company,
1027 Nicollet Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request under date of the 6th instant, we have this day returned to you by express, collect, the scrap gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting my inability to serve you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

November 10, 1931

Mrs. M. E. Strong,
Vard, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the metal forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 23¢ in stamps enclosed with your note as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	6¢
Stamps returned herewith	12¢

Regretting my inability to be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 11, 1931

Mr. Albert Olson,
C/o Arthur Hunt,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your note of the 9th instant, I have to advise that placer gold is accepted at the Mint in lots as small as two troy ounces and if you contemplate making any shipments to the Mint, please see that your shipment weighs at least that amount as no deposits under that weight are accepted.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK-T

November 11, 1931

Mrs. Louise Holloway,
2008 1/2 Mich. Avenue,
South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter dated the 11th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any
information as to their value.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

November 11, 1931

Miss Eloise Fondren,
Van Vleck, Texas.

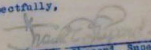
Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I regret to say that the Mint does not issue any literature or pictures pertaining to coinage and I am therefore unable to send you any matter on this subject.

All United States paper currency is manufactured at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, D.C. and all metallic money is manufactured at the three Mints located in Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.

Perhaps you can find considerable information on this subject in any of the large encyclopedias in your local library.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 11, 1931

Mr. Floyd C. Crow,
P. O. Box 84,
Henrietta, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside which weighs upon receipt here 18/100 of a troy ounce and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of so small amount - manufactured gold being received only in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 12, 1931

Mr. Ralph Bray,
Hemphill, Oklahoma. Star R. 2

Dear Sir:

Complying with your letter of November 10th, I have this day returned to you in the stamped envelope enclosed by you for that purpose, the small pieces of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 12, 1931

Mr. H. Perelstein,
613 Ryan Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold running from 10 to 18 karats when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and where the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint does not impose a separate charge for assaying but makes a charge of \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a small treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on the subject and any consignments that you may forward here will have my prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 12, 1931

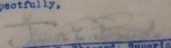
Mr. Ben Purdy,
Ophir, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment forwarded with your letter of the 8th instant and have to advise that upon receipt here your small retort weighs 2.34 troy ounces instead of 3 ounces as stated by you.

I regret to say that the gold content of this retort appears to be less than one ounce and as two ounces is the minimum amount received, it will be necessary for you to send some additional gold to go with this consignment, or, if you prefer, it may be held here and added to a subsequent shipment forwarded by you. If you desire its return to you, however, please furnish me with the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T


November 13, 1931

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Enclosed find non-reimbursable voucher, in amount
\$91.86, covering the chromium plating of scale parts recent-
ly done by you for this institution.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 13, 1931

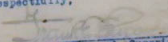
Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 10th instant I am enclosing six riders as per sample furnished by you.

You will also find enclosed a small wrench which Mr. Lindsey loaned Mr. Moessner and which he now begs to return.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

Enclosure

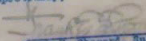
November 13, 1931

Mr. C. B. McMenamin,
Wilbora, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and small consignment under date of the 10th instant and have to advise that the latter upon receipt here weighs 1.49 troy ounces and I am unable to accept same for purchase as two full ounces is the very minimum purchased by the Mint. If you can send enough more to give your deposit that weight, I shall be glad to have you do so but if this is not convenient, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 13, 1931

Mr. P. Quilitch,
Trinidad, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of recent date, I have to advise that the Mint does not make pattern coins and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 13, 1931

Mrs. Clyde I. Layton,
Garnett, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 12th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any information regarding the two-cent piece mentioned by you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 16, 1931

Bartley Crucible & Refractories Company,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that of the rings mentioned by you the Mint uses only the 2-inch and the 4-inch and owing to the fact that our stock of both of these is very complete at the present time, I do not feel justified in asking for bids to purchase an additional lot.

I assume you understand that in order to purchase these rings in any event it would be necessary to send proposals to three or four dealers and receive competitive prices.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 16, 1931

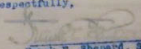
Mr. R. D. Strong,
Ward, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your two consignments, No. 1 amalgam grains from the Queen Mine, which weighs upon receipt here 1.73 troy ounces, and Lot No. 2, amalgam from various mines, weighing 2.66 troy ounces, I have to advise that your Lot No. 1 cannot be entered as a separate deposit with payment therefor, owing to the fact that no deposits are entered on our books for treatment which weigh less than 2 full ounces.

If you desire I can combine these two lots and issue one check in payment and have to request that you will advise me promptly if this will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 16, 1931

Mr. Deyo S. Deming,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 13th instant, please be advised that your 10-karat material weighs upon receipt here 4.15 troy ounces instead of 6 ounces, 1 Dwt, 20 Grains as stated by you. Your other items are approximately correct.

Before proceeding to treat your material, I have to request that you will advise me if the total weight of your consignment, namely, 6.59 troy ounces, will be satisfactory to you, that being the weight found at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 16, 1931

Mr. Estes Hutto,
Phoenix, Arizona. Route 2, Box 251

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 12th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your grains weigh 1.95 troy ounces but I am unable to accept same for purchase as the Mint does not receive deposits of less than 2 full troy ounces.

If you can send the additional gold necessary to bring your consignment up to the foregoing amount, I shall be glad to have you do so and at the same time I would appreciate your advising me regarding the placer district from which this gold has been obtained as the Treasury Department keeps records of the source of production of all gold purchased by the Mints.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dca. Minich
Acting Superintendent

CH:7

November 16, 1931

Mr. William H. Clum, R.M.
Golden, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise in answer to your question No. 1 that the gold coins of the United States contain their face value in pure gold, $9/10$ of their weight consisting of that metal and $1/10$ of alloy copper. Please see the small pamphlet enclosed herewith which will give similar information relative to all coins manufactured by the Mints.

Answering question No. 2, you are advised that gold certificates of the United States are secured with both gold coin and gold bars, but the law requires that of the gold certificates outstanding, one-third of the gold reserve to cover must consist of manufactured gold coin.

Replying to question No. 3, you are advised that such deposits as the Mint has received from the new placer mining district near Golden, New Mexico, the gold fineness has averaged around 900 out of a possible 1000.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Minich
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

November 16, 1931

Mr. P. A. Jenkins,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will accept deposits of placer gold in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces and will pay for same at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$1.00 for melting and a small treatment charge.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CE:T

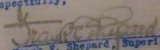
November 16, 1931

Mr. Floyd C. Crow,
Henrietta, Texas. P.O. Box 84

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your small amount of gold at the Mint, weighing 18/100 of a troy ounce, I have to state that while the Mint does not recommend outside dealers or assume any responsibility for small deposits turned over to them at the request of depositors, Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, or Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, both buy bullion and if you desire I will delivered your small consignment to one of them with instructions to make returns direct to you. In order to do this, however, it will be necessary for you to write me a letter authorizing me to turn your gold over to one of the foregoing dealers and upon receipt of same your request will be promptly complied with. In the event you do not wish to do this, your gold will be returned you with the stamps which you have already forwarded me.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 17, 1931

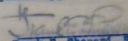
Mr. H. Wolf,
Jamestown, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 13th instant, I have to advise that upon receipt here your metal weighs 1.70 ounces, troy, and I am unable to accept this for purchase as deposits of jewelry or any fabricated gold must have a minimum value of \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 17, 1931

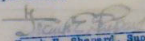
Mr. Jack Nix,
Moran, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of recent date, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the nugget of metal forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 12¢ in stamps enclosed by you as follows:

Postage	12¢
Insurance	5 ¢
Stamps returned	5¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

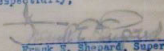
November 17, 1931

Mr. Emil Waisanen,
Tinton, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment of recent date but have not yet received a letter of advice from you regarding same. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly as to this shipment, and at the same time I would appreciate your advising me regarding the placer district from which this gold has been obtained as the Treasury Department keeps a record of the source of production of all gold purchased by the Mints.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

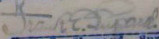
November 18, 1931

Mr. George Steffenson,
831 East Cimarron Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your note of the 16th instant I have to advised that the Mint has not coined the silver dollar known as the Edison dollar and so far as I am aware no such coinage is contemplated and could only be undertaken after Congress has passed an act to that effect, there being no law at the present time for the coinage of any silver dollars.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 18, 1931

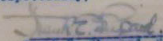
Mr. A. C. Bothwell,
1114 East Routt Avenue,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 14th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the silver knives shipped by you to this Mint sometime ago, using the 18¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	7¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned	6¢

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

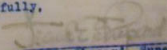
November 18, 1931

Mr. M. F. Goldberg,
6536 Loomis Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit under date of the 14th instant, I have to advise that after melting and assaying same I find that its total value is under \$100.00 and under the regulations it has been rejected as a deposit and our charges incurred up to the time of its rejection, amounting to \$1.00, have been imposed thereon. You will please, therefore, send me a money order for this amount and if you desire to reenter your bar as a deposit, please send me not less than \$10.00 in gold to bring value up to the required amount when your material will be reentered. It will be necessary, however, that the foregoing charges be paid before this may be done.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

November 19, 1931

Mr. F. J. Hulme,
316 South Walnut Street,
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant I have to advise that application for one-cent bronze of 1931 coinage should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard
Superintendent

OE:T
Stamped envelope returned

November 19, 1931

Brayton Commercial Company,
Wickenburg, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, you are advised that the Mint will now purchase placer gold in amounts as small as two troy ounces but no deposits under that weight will be accepted for purchase,

Deposits of manufactured or fabricated gold are not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.

Should you forward any placer gold to the Mint, please state the source from which it has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

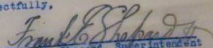
November 19, 1931

Mr. A. C. Parsons,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant forwarding some gold bullion for purchase by the Mint and your inclusion therein of 3.02 troy ounces of mining gold nuggets, I have to request that you will kindly inform me the source from which these nuggets have been obtained in order that I may comply with the regulations of the Treasury Department by reporting the source of all bullion purchased by the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 19, 1931

Standard Automotive Supply Company,
1800 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send me a copy of the Greenfield
Tap & Die Corporation's Catalogue No. G-470, dated April
30, 1930, from which I may order some taps and dies un-
der your contract with the General Supply Committee of
the United States Government.

Thanking you for your prompt compliance with
this request, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 19, 1931

Mr. Deyo S. Deming,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant with reference to your deposit at the Mint in which you state that the total weight of 6.59 troy ounces as received by the Mint is satisfactory to you and I note that you state that you assume this is the pure gold content of your deposit.

I am unable to understand how you arrive at that conclusion as your consignment consisted of various lots of different finenesses and my letter to you was only to call your attention to the fact that your 18-karat material weighed upon receipt here 4.15 troy ounces instead of 6 ounces, 1 dwt. and 20 grains as stated by you.

The pure gold content of your deposit cannot be determined until after it has been melted and assayed and up to the present time your material has not been so treated as I have been holding same awaiting your advice as to whether the weight as found by the Mint is satisfactory to you.

I will now proceed to treat your material and whatever its pure gold content may be will then be determined and check in payment mailed you accordingly. If you wish this check forwarded by air mail, please send me the necessary postage for that purpose as the Mint has no fund from which such expense may be met.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 19, 1931

United States Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:


Will you kindly advise me of the number of fine ounces, gold and silver, deposited at your institution during the calendar year 1930 from the State of Colorado, together with the name and address of the depositor and the name of the mine and the county from which produced.

Similar information would be appreciated for the year 1931 as soon after its close as may be convenient for you to supply same.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 19, 1931

United States Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:

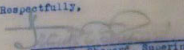
Will you kindly advise me of the number of fine ounces, gold and silver, deposited at your institution during the calendar year 1930 from the State of Colorado, together with the name and address of the depositor and the name of the mine and the county from which produced.

Similar information would be appreciated for the year 1931 as soon after its close as it may be convenient for you to supply same.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 19, 1931

United States Assay Office,
Carson City, Nevada.

Gentlemen:

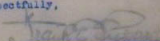
Will you kindly advise me of the number of fine ounces, gold and silver, deposited at your institution during the calendar year 1930 from the State of Colorado, together with the name and address of the depositor and the name of the mine and the county from which produced.

Similar information would be appreciated for the year 1931 as soon after its close as it may be convenient for you to supply same.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 19, 1931

United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

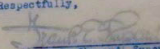
Will you kindly advise me of the number of fine ounces, gold and silver, deposited at your institution during the calendar year 1930 from the State of Colorado, together with the name and address of the depositor and the name of the mine and county from which produced.

Similar information would be appreciated for the year 1931 as soon after its close as may be convenient for you to supply same.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 19, 1931

United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

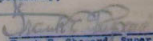
Will you kindly advise me of the number of fine ounces, gold and silver, deposited at your institution during the calendar year 1930 from the State of Colorado, together with the name and address of the depositor and the name of the mine and the county from which produced.

Similar information would be appreciated for the year 1931 as soon after its close as it may be convenient for you to supply same.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 19, 1931

United States Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me of the number of fine ounces, gold and silver, deposited at your institution during the calendar year 1930 from the State of Colorado, together with the name and address of the depositor and the name of the mine and the county from which produced.

Similar information would be appreciated for the year 1931 as soon after its close as it may be convenient for you to supply same.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

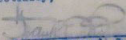
November 20, 1931

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen;

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your voucher-check No. 11816 in the sum of \$1.55 and your cash remittance of 37¢ covering commissions on collections from telephone booths Ma-9972 and Ke-9725 at this institution for the period October 13th to November 12th, 1931, respectively.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 20, 1951

Mr. Ray T. Allison,
Pine, Idaho. Elmore County.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that I am unable to accept your small consignment which weighs upon receipt here 3.67 troy ounces as the Mint does not receive for purchase deposits of amalgam.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your amalgam will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 20, 1931

Dr. C. E. Golly,
Spencer, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase gold scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and which will contain at least one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular from which you will be able to obtain considerable additional information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and would suggest that you read same carefully as it will be of help to you in preparing your shipments for the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 21, 1931

Mrs. Everett M. Meeker,
Bridgeport, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your pieces of silver as our stock of that metal at the present time is more than sufficient and when the Mint is in the market for silver, we do not purchase in amounts less than \$100.

Perhaps you could dispose of your silver pieces to one of the large manufacturing jewelers in your city.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OR:T

November 21, 1931

Miss Mary Hall,
25 Portland Street,
Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 17th instant with enclosure of 25¢ for which you desire 1922 one-cent bronzes and in reply regret to advise you that our entire stock of this coin has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request and am returning herewith your coin as forwarded to me.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

November 21, 1931

Dr. James B. Lintz,
227 Midwest Building,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant forwarding 4 ounces of scrap gold and have to advise that deposits of this character are not accepted in lots having a value less than \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold scrap will be returned you.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you more detailed information relative to the receipt of such deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure


November 21, 1931

Mr. Brigido Hurtado,
Congress Junction, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 18th instant which you state weighs 9 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt, here your gold weighs 7.41 troy ounces and before I proceed to treat same, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

November 21, 1931

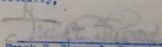
Mr. Clarence A. Mossaman
Arboles, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th instant forwarding a watch case under separate cover for purchase by the Mint, I have to advise that the weight of this case, including spring, is 2.28 troy ounces and the Mint is unable to accept this deposit as such deposits are limited to a minimum value of \$100.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your watch case will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 21, 1931

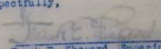
First National Bank,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant in which you state you are forwarding for Charles Curtet of Hesperus, Colorado, four ounces of placer gold, I have to advise that upon receipt here this gold weighs 2.08 troy ounces.

Before proceeding to treat this bullion, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 23, 1931

Mr. C. B. McMenamin,
Wilborn, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 20th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 40/100 of a troy ounce, I have to advise that this shipment added to your first shipment of 1.49 troy ounces brings the weight of your gold up to 1.89 troy ounces.

As two full ounces is the very least the Mint can accept for purchase, you are requested to send enough more gold to bring the weight of your material up to that amount. If this is not convenient, your two consignments will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 23, 1931

Mr. Albert Sutter,
Bumble Bee, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 6.25 troy ounces, and regret to say that I can not accept this for purchase as the Mint does not receive deposits of amalgam.

Please advise me as to what you desire done with this consignment and if you wish it returned to you, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 23, 1931


Mr. Albert Sutter,
Bumble Bee, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 6.25 troy ounces, and regret to say that I can not accept this for purchase as the Mint does not receive deposits of amalgam.

Please advise me as to what you desire done with this consignment and if you wish it returned to you, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 23, 1931

A. Markham Loan & Mercantile Company,
1531 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Answering your inquiry of the 21st instant, you are advised that placer gold is accepted in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces, and manufactured or fabricated gold in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular from which you will obtain considerable information relative to deposits at the Mint and if there are any further questions pertaining to the matter, I shall be very glad to have you write me concerning same.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 23, 1931

Mr. Henry C. Courtemanche,
136 Whitehall Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, I have to advise that the Mint never recalls any of its coins nor pays a premium thereon and I am therefore unable to give you any information regarding the present value of the one-cent bronze piece of 1913 coinage other than its face value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Stamp returned

November 23, 1931

Mr. W. O. Rains,
Headrick, Oklahoma. R. 1

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your shipment of rocks and have to advise that the Mint does not make analyses of ore bearing rock or sand. Reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance as the Mint has no fund from which to pay such expense.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 24, 1931
November 24, 1931

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Magruder:

Complying with your request of the 19th instant,
I have returned you this day the assay bal-
ance recently forwarded by you to this institution to
I have this day turned over the Burlingame & Parker, 1901
Lawrence Street, this city, the small consignment forwarded
be repaired and I am enclosing herewith bill of lading
by you to this institution, requesting them to make returns
No. T-43001 covering this shipment.
direct to you.

Enclose ~~Respectfully~~, and the 7¢ in stamps forwarded
by you to be used in the event of returning your consig-
ment to you by mail. Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 24, 1931

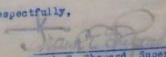
Mr. Floyd C. Crow,
P. O. Box #84,
Henrietta, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 19th instant,
I have this day turned over the Burlingame & Parker, 1901
Lawrence Street, this city, the small consignment forwarded
by you to this institution, requesting them to make returns
direct to you.

Enclosed you will find the 7¢ in stamps forwarded
by you to be used in the event of returning your consignment to you by mail.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure


November 25, 1931

Mr. J. A. Fought,
C/o Mrs. A. H. Diamond,
Lec, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 26/100 of a troy ounce, and consisting of dental gold filings, and have to advise that the Mint does not accept such material in lots having a value under \$100.00 and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 25, 1931

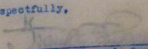
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

As requested by the Bureau of the Mint, I am forwarding you this day on Government bill of lading No. T-43002 herewith enclosed, one Henry Troemner assay balance for your use while your assay button balance is being repaired, the latter to be shipped to this institution on Government bill of lading as directed by the Bureau of the Mint.

When your balance has been repaired, it will be returned to you and you are then requested to return to this institution on Government bill of lading the assay balance belonging to this Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

November 25, 1931

Mr. Robert F. Dietz,
C/o P.O. Drawer N
Berger, Texas.

Dear Robert:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant and wish to thank you for forwarding me the defective one-cent bronze piece enclosed with your letter.

I am returning herewith a new piece in exchange and have to state that the Government does not pay a reward or premium on the return of any of its coins otherwise I would be glad to send you whatever might apply in this case.

This piece was not defective when it left the Mint but has been filed off by some one who evidently intended to cut some inscription or design on the blank side.

Wishing you success in your studies, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shppard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

November 25, 1921

D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc.,
250 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 21st instant relative to Mr. John D. Taylor of this Institution and he advises me that the delivery to which you refer consisted of a set of books forwarded him for approval. He states that after examining these books he found they were not what he wanted and he promptly returned them to you by express and he holds the receipt of the express company for same.

As you now have these books, it does not appear that Mr. Taylor is at fault in the matter and I do not see that anything further can be done.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 25, 1931

Dennis Company,
221 Eedy Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 20th instant, please be advised that after melting and treating same its value has been found to be considerably under \$100.00 and your deposit has therefore been rejected and a melting charge amounting to \$1.00 imposed thereon, for which I have to request you will forward me money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to reenter this bullion as a new deposit, it will be necessary to send at least \$25.00 in gold to be added thereto in order that its value will comply with the Mint's regulations, but the foregoing charges will have to be paid before this can be done.

Please advise me of your wishes in the matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS:F

November 25, 1931

Mr. Essie Yeagus,
General Delivery, R.S.D. 2
Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and am not sure that I quite understand what kind of gold you have for sale but if it is a gold lead pencil, I have to advise that the Mint does not purchase articles of this kind in lots having a value under \$100.00 and under these circumstances I would be unable to purchase your pencil.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

November 25, 1931

Dr. James B. Liats,
227 Midwest Building,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request written on the bottom of my letter to you of the 21st instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the scrap gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 20¢ enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	8¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamp returned	2¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 25, 1931

Mr. Doye G. Deasing,
General Delivery,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 24th instant requesting the return unopened of your consignment of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that your package was received this morning with a number of others and although previously advised to hold same intact, my receiving clerk inadvertently destroyed the wrapper on your package before he realized what he had done. I regret this very much and he is prepaying the parcel post charges on the return of your package to you, the contents of which are as received from you.

I trust that this package will reach you promptly and again expressing my regret that your request was not fully complied with, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GB:Y

November 25, 1931

Master Lawrence Bower,
Burkmore, South Dakota.

Dear Master Bower:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant and have to say in reply that the Mint does not have any material, printed or otherwise, for distribution and I am therefore unable to send you anything that would be useful to you in your school work.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

November 27, 1931

Mr. J. E. Tinsley,
1839 - 12th Street,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I have to state that if you can furnish me the names of the parties whom you suspect of unlawfully removing gold from the mine in which you are interested and have ownership, together with the name of the mine, I will endeavor to assist you so far as the regulations of the Mint will permit.

Owing to the variation in the finenesses of gold produced in all mines, it is practically impossible to identify deposits as having come from any particular mine, though the approximation of such fineness is sometimes of assistance in identifying bullion.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

November 27, 1931

Mr. Ernest Larson,
Thatcher, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 24th instant, I have to advise that two troy ounces is the minimum amount of placer gold accepted by the Mint for purchase and when deposits consist of manufactured gold they must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:f

November 27, 1931

Mr. W. F. Kirby,
Astec, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant,
please be advised that the Mint has discontinued the
purchase of silver deposits but when such consignments
are received, the Mint pays the New York market price,
less the fraction, which prevails on the day prior to
the receipt of deposits.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

November 27, 1931

Mr. M. M. Wilsey,
Red Cliff, Colorado. Box 3

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I am enclosing a copy of our table of charges together with a circular giving full information regarding the receipt of deposits at the Mint and should there be any additional information you desire, I shall be glad to furnish same upon request.

Respectfully,

~~Frank E. Shepard, Supervisor~~

CH:2
Enclosures

November 27, 1931

Clara McGavisan,
Cedar Falls, Iowa. Route 2

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold such as rings, watches, etc., and dental scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

No allowance is made for platinum that may be contained in deposits nor does the Mint undertake to separate that metal and return it to the depositor.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:V
Enclosure

November 27, 1921

Clara McCavish,
Cedar Falls, Iowa. Route 2

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of recent date, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold such as rings, watches, etc., and dental scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

No allowance is made for platinum that may be contained in deposits nor does the Mint undertake to separate that metal and return it to the depositor.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T
Enclosure

November 27, 1931

Mrs. A. E. Haddleton,
3908 Montrose Boulevard,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request, I have this day returned to you by registered mail your consignment to this institution, using the one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	6¢
Registry fee	15¢
Stamps herewith to balance ...	79¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 27, 1921

Mr. J. B. Harmon,
Home, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card, you are advised that the Mint will accept placer gold in amounts not less than two full troy ounces and pay for the pure gold content of same at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce, less the Mint's customary charges. The Mint does not pay a premium on gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

68:7

November 27, 1951

Mr. Ray J. Allison,
Pine, Idaho.

Dear Sirs:

Complying with your request of the 23rd instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the assignment forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using the 20¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	4¢
Insurance	10 ¢
Stamps returned	2¢

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 27, 1931

Mr. W. A. Miller,
Chicago, California.

Dear Sir:

Regarding to your letter of the 24th instant, I
now to state that the robbery to which you refer as being
the reference to the robbery of the truck belonging to the
Southern Federal Reserve Bank on which occasion the bank sub-
mitted to lose the truck and any attempt made to get it.

The truck at the time of the robbery was parked
in the street in front of the bank from which fact it has
been erroneously known the "Southern Bank Robbery", the
according to the public as alleged incorrect description
of the true facts in the case.

Respectfully,

Frank L. Smith, Superintendent

WAS

November 26, 1931.

Standard Automotive Supply Co.,
1800 Fourteenth St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:-

Referring to the General Schedule of Supplies for the fiscal year 1932, Item No. 40-40, Stocks, dies and taps; machine, for which you are the contractors, I have to request that you forward me a copy the Greenfield Taps & Die Corporation's Catalogue No. G470, dated April, 1930.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Howard,
Superintendent.

F.

November 30, 1931

First National Bank of Cascade,
Cascade, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 27th instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 26.28 troy ounces, and have to advise that as this material consists of ~~amalgam~~, I am unable to accept same for purchase as ~~the~~ regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits of that kind.

Please advise me at your earliest convenience what disposition you desire made of this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Circular enclosed

November 30, 1931

Dr. C. E. Golly,
Spencer, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 27th instant, which you state weighs about 13 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your gold weighs 10.28 troy ounces. Before proceeding to treat this material I have to request that you will kindly advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 30, 1931

Kenville County Bank,
Att: Mr. H.M.Steele, President,
Mohall, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request under date of the 25th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the nugget forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	3¢
Insurance	8¢
Stamps returned	4¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

November 30, 1931

Mr. E. A. Swabes,
Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of the 14th instant and your deposit No. 2, which weighs upon receipt here 2.27 troy ounces, and I regret that I cannot enter your consignments No. 1 and No. 2 for separate payment as your consignment under date of the 17th of October weighs but 1.04 troy ounces and the regulations do not permit the acceptance of deposits having a weight under two full troy ounces.

These two lots may be combined in one deposit if you so wish and payment made accordingly. Please advise me of your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

November 30, 1931

Mrs. J. R. Cuthbert,
Satarita, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 28th instant and have to advise that inasmuch as the regulations do not permit me to accept mining gold in deposits having a weight of less than two troy ounces, I am unable to purchase your small consignment which weighs upon receipt here 1.86 troy ounces.

I regret that I am unable to assist you in this matter and will return your gold upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:V

December 1, 1921

Mr. Andy Wilson,
Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23th, please be advised that reliable assays of your material can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, money order for the proper amount, payable to that office, to accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

~~Frank E. Howard~~, Superintendent

CH:T

December 1, 1931

Dennis Company,
321 Booky Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo and accompanying consignment weighing upon receipt here 7.15 tray canner and have to advise that before this shipment can be combined with your prior shipment which was rejected, the charges applying on that shipment, amounting to \$1.00, as advised in my letter to you of the 25th ultimo, will have to be paid - the regulations not permitting me to take these charges out of the proceeds of your deposit.

I am therefore holding your two shipments without treatment and have to request that you will forward the amount of the charges, \$1.00, at your earliest convenience when I will promptly to treat your two consignments.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin
Acting Superintendent

CS:I

December 1, 1931

Ames Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
Mr. J. W. Fruthee,
Ames, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo and today am in receipt of one barrel of sweepings which you desire be refined and regret to have to advise you that the plant does not receive material of this kind for treatment.

Please advise me what disposition you desire made of this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

December 2, 1931

Miss Onna Stock,
C/o North Knopf,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Miss Stock:

Replying to your inquiry of the 1st instant,
please be advised that the Government never recalls any
of its coins nor pays a premium thereon and I therefore
have no information concerning any "Indian Head" pennies
that may be wanted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

December 2, 1931

Dr. William F. Katz,
704 Century Building,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 24th ultimo weighing upon receipt here 6.34 troy ounces, I have to advise that after treating this deposit its value has been found to be considerably less than \$100.00 which is the minimum accepted for purchase.

Under these conditions it is necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose thereon the charges incurred up to the time of its rejection amounting to \$1.00 which I have to request you will remit by money order at your earliest convenience.

If you desire to have this material reentered as a deposit, it will be necessary for you to send at least \$10 or \$12 in gold to be added thereto. Before this may be done, however, the above charges must be paid as they cannot be deducted from the proceeds of your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

December 2, 1921

Mr. Albert Suter,
Bumble Bee, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing \$1.00 for the return of your amalgam at this institution or to pay for its retorting by some local assayer, and have to advise that while I do not know what a local bullion dealer would charge for such service, there are two such dealers in Denver to one of whom your amalgam could be delivered; namely, Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, and Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, both in this city.

While the Government does not recommend outside dealers, and only in exceptional cases and as matter of accommodation to depositors turns over to them small deposits which the Mint can not accept, I will deliver your amalgam and \$1.00 in currency to either one of the foregoing firms upon written authority from you designating the one to which you wish your amalgam delivered with instructions to make return therefor direct to you as I assume you would wish them to purchase the gold content as well as retort the amalgam.

If this is satisfactory to you, please write us promptly or suggest that your amalgam be returned to you and your wishes will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Johnson, Superintendent

December 2, 1921

Mr. W. O. Reine,
Hendrick, Oklahoma. E. 1

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 27th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the sam-
ples of rocks forwarded by you to this Mint for analysis,
using the money order for 30¢ for that purpose as follows:

Postage	12¢
Insurance	5¢
Stamps returned herewith ...	13¢

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 2, 1931

Miss June Roney,
Independence, Oregon. Box 241

Dear June:

I have your good letter of the 26th instant ultimo and would gladly send you a sample of the product of this Mint if we manufactured any samples for distribution.

Although the Mint is a factory in which is made all the different kinds of metallic money of the United States, in many respects it is entirely different from most any other factory and very rigid laws and regulations govern its operations.

There are three mints in the United States, the oldest and largest having been established by George Washington in Philadelphia in 1795, the Atlantic states at the time and for many years thereafter containing the entire population of this country.

Then gold was discovered in California in 1849, many thousands of people rushed to that section in search of that metal, which lead to its development and later on when business and population had increased sufficiently, the Government established a mint there to provide for its business needs and a good many years later a mint was established in Denver, Colorado.

The Mints manufacture such denominations of metallic money as may be needed to meet the commercial needs of the section in which they are located and now distribute this money through the

Federal Reserve Bank and branches to the other banks and through them to the people.

All paper money is manufactured at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington D. C. and it is distributed in the same manner as metallic money through the Federal Reserve Banks, etc.

Owing to the many intricacies involved, it would be impossible for me to describe to you the many operations necessary to produce a one-cent copper piece, and I regret the Government does not issue any pamphlets on the machinery used or anything which would give you even a vague idea of the different processes, not even a picture of the building itself. Perhaps some day you will visit Denver and if you do I should be glad to have you call and see me and perhaps I can help you to understand the work the Mints are doing.

The guards at the Mint do not stand outside the door at the main entrance but are on duty constantly inside the door and around the Mint generally.

With best wishes to you and wishing you success in your studies, I am

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

December 3, 1931

Mr. J. W. Eaton,
Piler, Idaho.

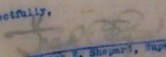
Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 1st instant, the latter having a total weight upon receipt here of 3.22 troy ounces, and regret to say that the Mint does not accept deposits having a weight under two ounces and for that reason cannot enter separately the bar included in your consignment.

Regarding the foreign metal of which you speak and which appears in your gold, I have to advise that this is apparently copper and I know of no way by which you could separate it from your gold, such separation being possible only in a refinery.

I assume it will be satisfactory to you to combine the different pieces in your shipment into one deposit and make one payment, since the regulations will not permit separate payment for the bar, and I will accordingly proceed on that basis.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:R

December 3, 1931

Miss Iva D. Perkins,
Thompson Falls, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing what you believe to be a counterfeit 25¢ piece and have to advise that after examining this coin it is believed to be genuine.

Regarding your inquiry as to the number of stars on this coin, I have to say that when the old design quarter was replaced by this quarter in 1917 ~~the new design~~ different design, this new quarter was found impractical for mechanical reasons and after being coined for several months, the design was modified somewhat and the arrangement of the stars on this latter design is different from that on the other design.

I am returning your quarter herewith as requested.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 3, 1931

Mr. C. E. Potter,
Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Box 236

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, I have to say that if you have three ounces of virgin mining gold the Mint will accept same for purchase as the requirement that all deposits have a minimum value of \$100.00 has been modified in respect to mining gold to encourage mining during the present season.

Should you forward your gold here for purchase, please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 4, 1931

Mr. C. A. Wossaman,
Arboles, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 2nd instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured mail the watch
case forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the
18¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	4 ¹ / ₂ ¢
Insurance	10¢
Stamps returned herewith ...	3 ¹ / ₂ ¢

Pure gold is worth \$20.67 per troy ounce.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 4, 1921

Mr. John Bernat,
144 West Chestnut Street,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 27th, I
have to advise that gold from the Smuggler-Union Mine aver-
ages approximately from \$13.00 to \$16.00 per troy ounce.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 4, 1931

Mr. E. A. Phelps,
Denver, Colorado. P.O. Box 2686

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 3rd instant, please be advised that there has been no change in the minimum value of deposits received at the Mint consisting of gold scrap, etc. However, to encourage mining during the present season, the Director of the Mint has authorized me to accept deposits of virgin gold, that is gold which has not been manufactured or fabricated in any way, in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 4, 1931

Mr. J. S. Pope,
Hidgway, Ouray County,
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo and very much regret to say that your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.11 troy ounces, cannot be purchased by the Mint as the regulations limit the weight which may be received at two full ounces, otherwise, I should be very glad to assist you by purchasing this gold.

Please advise me what you wish me to do with this gold and if you desire it returned to you, kindly forward me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 4, 1931

Michaela Vega,
Vanadium, Colorado.
New Mexico

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd ultimo, and under separate cover have received your small consignment of dust and have to state that this material is not suitable for purchase by the Mint which handles such material only when practically free from foreign substances. A preliminary test of your dust reveals that it contains little more than a trace of gold and will be returned to you, together with the small bottle of gold dust, upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Regarding the contents of the small bottle forwarded by you with your dust, I have to say that gold dust of this character is accepted when sent in lots having a minimum weight of two full troy ounces, this weight, of course, to be exclusive of the weight of the container. The dust contained in the little bottle in your present shipment is far under the required weight.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 4, 1931

Dr. H. A. Wahl,
704 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have a consignment bearing your name and address on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment and I am therefore unable to enter it on our books for treatment and purchase as the regulations require that such a letter be received in advance.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

December 4, 1931

Ames Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
Ames, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I have a consignment bearing your label but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment and I am therefore unable to enter it on our books for treatment and purchase as the regulations require that such a letter be received in advance.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 4, 1931

The Colorado Industrial Bank,
910 Gas and Electric Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to Mr. Hinrichs, in reference to your account against Ernest Powell, an employee of this institution, and in reply have to say that, as you have already been advised, Powell has been urged to liquidate his indebtedness with you. At the present time he is at home sick but I anticipate he will return to duty on Monday when I will again call his attention to this matter and bring such pressure to bear as I can to force him to settle with you at an early date.

The Mint desires all of its employees to keep their credit good and every effort is made to see that they do so regardless of any other reason which might appear to have any relevancy to such matters.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

December 4, 1931

Dr. Louis S. Finkle,
Pueblo, Colorado. Box 133

Dear Sir:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 3rd instant, the latter weighing upon receipt here 5.66 troy ounces, and have to advise that as such deposits are not accepted having a value under \$100.00, which it does not appear your shipment will contain, it will be necessary for you to send a sufficient amount of additional gold to bring your consignment up to that value.

I presume you are aware that the Mint does not pay for platinum or make any allowance therefor when found in gold deposits.

Pending the receipt of the additional gold, I will hold your consignment without treatment unless you desire its return to you, in which case kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Wack E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 2, 1931

Mr. C.E. Griffin,
Valdosta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say the Mint could not accept for purchase the 14-karat gold watch case referred in your letter of the 4th instant as manufactured gold is not accepted in lots having a value less than \$100.00.

I would suggest that you sell this watch case to one of the larger manufacturing jewelers in your city.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

December 7, 1931

Dr. G. W. Cramer,
103 Pope Building,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 4th instant, which upon receipt here weighs 5.65 troy ounces, I have to advise that the minimum value of such gold accepted for purchase is \$100.00 and I am therefore unable enter your shipment as a deposit at the Mint. I would suggest that you send at least two ounces more of similar material in order to bring your consignment up to the required value. Should you not wish to do this, however, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T


December 7, 1931

First State Bank of Cascade,
Mr. M. M. Moore, President,
Cascade, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 4th instant,
I have this day returned by express, collect, the amalgam
forwarded by you to this institution for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 7, 1931

JACCARD'S
1017-1019 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your label but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to same, such letter being necessary before your deposit may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase.

Please write me promptly regarding this consignment and oblige

Respectfully

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 7, 1931

Mr. Peter F. Klaus,
Asotin, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant and your lots Nos. 1 and 2, weighing respectively 1.63 troy ounces and 2.58 troy ounces, a total of 4.21 troy ounces.

As you have sent this material in separate lots, I presume you would like payment for each lot separately which may not be done owing to the fact that your lot No. 1 weighs less than two ounces, that being the minimum amount acceptable as a deposit, which status your gold would have to have in order to be accepted for separate payment.

If you desire the two lots can be combined and one check sent in payment. In advising me regarding this matter please also state if the weight of these two lots as received here is satisfactory to you as I note you state you are sending five ounces plus of gold.

Respectfully,

FRANK A. SHAPPEL, Superintendent

CH:T

December 7, 1931

Mr. Loyd LeBrie,
Malta, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, I regret to say that the Mint does not have any pamphlets or literature relative to the adoption of the gold standard for distribution and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

The Act of Congress of February 12, 1875, provided that the unit of value of the United States should be the gold dollar with a standard weight of 25.8 grains, that is, gold 900 assay parts out of a possible 1000 or 23.22 grains of pure gold.

I have no doubt that if you will consult any of the encyclopedias in your local library, you would be able to obtain the desired information therefrom.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

December 7, 1931

Dee's Typewriter Exchange,
Ada, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. J. L. Dee

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, you will find herewith a circular giving full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint from which you will note that scrap gold, or in fact any manufactured gold, is accepted in lots having a minimum value of \$100.

Please also note that each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 7, 1931

Miss Eula Bothwell,
Cupar Sask, Canada.

Dear Miss Bothwell:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing a Canadian five-cent piece and requesting \$5 gold pieces of the United States bearing dates of 1815 and 1822 and have to advise that these coins are not now available at any of the Mints of the United States and particularly at this Mint which was not established until February, 1906.

The five-cent piece enclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

Enclosure

December 7, 1931

Mr. J. H. Millman,
732 West Court Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, I have to advise that the commemorative 25¢ piece bearing the head of George Washington has not yet been issued, the design not having yet been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. It is not likely that any of these coins will be issued by the Mints until the spring of 1932.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

December 7, 1931

Mrs. J. A. Bendix,
Wellington, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your card of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not calling in any of its coins nor paying a premium thereon and so far as I am aware the one-cent bronze pieces of the dates mentioned by you are worth their face value only.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Stamped envelope returned

December 8, 1931

New York Dental Company,
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 3rd instant, consisting of one bottle of gold filings and grindings, I have to advise that upon receipt here this material weighs 8.69 troy ounces and owing to the large amount of foreign substance therein will probably lose several ounces in melting and have a value under \$100.00 which is the minimum amount accepted for purchase.

Should I proceed to treat this material and then discover that its value is below our requirements, it would be necessary for me to reject your deposit and impose such charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection. To obviate such an expense to you, I would suggest that you send enough good gold to be added to the gold in these filings and grindings in order that your deposit will have a value of at least \$100.00 and I am holding your shipment without treatment until I hear from you in regard thereto. Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information regarding the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

December 8, 1921

Miss Eula Bothwell,
Cupar Sask, Canada.

Dear Miss Bothwell:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing a Canadian five-cent piece and requesting \$5 gold pieces of the United States bearing the dates of 1815 and 1822 and have to advise that these coins are not now available at any of the Mints of the United States and particularly at this Mint which was not established until February, 1906.

The five-cent piece enclosed with your letter has been used to defray the postage on this letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 8, 1921

Mr. H. Wolf,
Jamestown, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 2nd instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage	2¢
Insurance	6¢
Stamps returned herewith ...	4¢

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

December 3, 1911

Ames Jewelry Manufacturing Company.
Ames, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your telegram of the 5th instant, please be advised that the Mc-nicott-Patterson Warehouse Company just called at this building and has delivered your barrel of sweeps to the depot for shipment to Heever & Strong, Buffalo, New York, by freight, collect. They will forward you their bill for services at the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 8, 1931

Miss Alice Gaggins,
8 St. Joe Street,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 7th instant forwarding under separate cover a small consignment to this institution and have to advise that before deposits are entered on our books for treatment, it is necessary that depositors state the source from which their gold has been obtained, that is, the name of the mine, and State and County in which the mine is located and the relation of the depositor to said mine; or if obtained from an individual, that his name and address be supplied. This information is necessary for statistical purposes as required by the Treasury Department. Upon receipt of this information, I will advise you further concerning your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 8, 1931

Mr. John Bagrie,
Tyrone, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your small consignment forwarded with your letter of the 3rd instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.12 troy ounces, I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your gold as the regulations prohibit the acceptance of deposits of mining gold having a weight of less than two full troy ounces, and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance it will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 8, 1931

Mr. E. P. Barker,
Rossford, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 5th instant, I have to advise that during the current calendar year this Mint has manufactured the Double Eagle, Dime and One-Cent Bronze Pieces.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GM:T

Enclosure

December 8, 1931

Miss Theda Catlin,
1715 West Colorado Avenue,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Miss Catlin:

Replying to your note of the 7th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor pay a premium thereon and so far as I am aware the Indian Head pennies are worth their face value only.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

December 9, 1931

Mr. L. A. Zumann,
Burlington, Colorado.


Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 7th instant regarding the 1923 Lincoln Penny, please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I have no information as to a premium being paid, if any, on the coin mentioned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OUT

December 9, 1931

Mr. H. S. Williams,
Hilton Hotel,
Marlin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and in reply have to advise that the Mints of the United States do not manufacture gold pieces in the denomination of \$50.00 - the \$20 gold piece, or the Double Eagle, being the largest denomination coined.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

December 9, 1931

Mr. W. H. Curry,
P.O. Drawer 74,
Waco, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 7th instant, I have to say that the following coins of this Mint's manufacture are available upon application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular:

Double Eagle - 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1931,
Eagle - 1914
Half Eagle - 1909

Standard Silver Dollar - 1921, 1922, 1926 and 1927,
Half Dollars - 1929
Quarter Dollar - 1928 and 1929
Dime - 1926, 1929 and 1931
Five-cent Nickel - 1929
One-cent Bronze - 1929, 1930 and 1931

As to the coins available at the San Francisco Mint or the Mint at Philadelphia, it will be necessary for you to write to these institutions for the proper information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

